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Theater *En Plein Air* and the Visual Arts

Marion Art Center

By Marilou Newell

What do you get when your stage play has to move to the great-out-of-doors, it rains, a cement mixer accents pre-performance run-throughs and you have to replace two actors with very short notice?! Oh, and let's not forget the Zoom auditions.

You get the Marion Art Center's production of "Good People," the Tony Award-winning dark comedy starring south coast actors John Emmett Pearson, Margo Wilson Ruggiero, Susan Sullivan, Mia Vaughn, Paul Victor Walsh and Jacob Sherburne (cross-dressed as a female



character, which became necessary when the female actor slated to play the part became ill). Sherburne also directed the production.

The Wanderer caught up with several of the actors and the art center's director, Jodi Stevens, to get their reactions to the many challenges they faced.

Stevens said that she worked in partnership with the Marion

Board of Health and Recreation Department as it became abundantly clear that the production could not be reasonably held inside on the petite stage while providing adequate distancing between audience members. "We

On the Cover: Ellen Scholter-Walker shared this sunset photo taken while kayaking off Angelica Point. You can share your photos with our readers as well by sending them to news@wanderer.com. Thank you to everyone who has shared and thank you Ellen!

were watching what the state requirements were and we had to be careful with the number of people we could have in the outdoor space," she shared. The outdoor space, Marion's Bicentennial Park comfortably located across the street from the center, lent itself wonderfully to the event. "The actors and Jacob bent over backward to get this off the ground," Stevens remarked.

Stevens said the process of selecting performing art productions begins with a committee (MAC members) who research materials and reads scripts. Democracy reigns, the committee members vote and the majority

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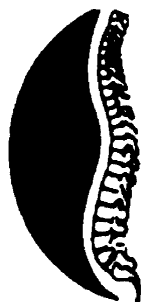
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Stage manager Kaylin Blaney said of the production, which closed on Sunday, August 23, "Everything happened at once," in terms of having to find two new actors and the technicalities of moving four sets around the grassed parkland. But the payoff, "It brings happiness," she said.

Susan Sullivan, who played Jean, said that moving outside was a new experience for her. She also shared that her character, like all the characters in the play, is from South Boston. "I'm from New York so I understand the dynamics."

Margie, played by Margo Wilson Ruggiero, offered her thoughts. "It was an opportunity to stretch. I loved being immersed in the audience." She also confided that the sheer volume of dialog she had to memorize was daunting. "Theater is an outlet for life; with every role, every play I learn more about people and myself." Ruggiero will be directing Lorraine Hansberry's "A Raisin in the Sun" in March 2021 at Your Theatre in New Bedford.

Sherburne added his reactions to everything that had taken place in the production. "My greatest challenge was getting my actors to attack their lines with adequate ferocity." From the reaction of the audience on the afternoon that *The Wanderer* attend, his creative directives worked. Of having to step in and play one of the most engaging characters in the play, a senior woman named Dottie, Sherburne said, "It was a dream scenario for an actor-director, to join my actors onstage." He also had his own personal make-up artist, his wife. Sherburne said that he hopes to lead an ORR Drama Club production in a "... public health-conscious theatrical endeavor one way or another this fall." During the past school year, Sherburne was a special education teacher at ORR.

But the MAC is so much more than one astounding cultural experience, it is the sum of its many parts, and one of those parts now on view is the Annual Summer Members Show. Opening on August 21 and running through the end of the month, this yearly extravaganza showcases the MAC's members creative abilities in a wide-ranging variety of mediums. And

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the number of pieces on display this season brings to mind the historic Paris Salons at the Louvre, where the walls would be covered like wallpaper with paintings. The MAC's event features 98 pieces in its two galleries and another six on display in the Marion General Store windows.

The works demonstrate the creative abilities of the human mind and its ever-present desire to express itself in ways traditional or surprising.

It wouldn't be a MAC exhibit without the presence of seashore scenes, scenes of cresting waves, vibrant horizons, tranquil shorelines, marshes, sea birds – the images, some executed *en plein air*, breathe life into our collective, quarantined souls. There's Barbara Healy's oil on canvas Marion Harbor, Janet Smith-Flaherty's watercolor Marion Water View, and captured images from surrounding locations such as Thomas Geagan's watercolor Sandy Neck or Jill Law's pastel Padanaram Marsh.

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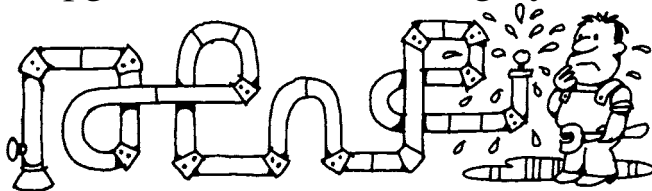
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Works from longtime supporters of the MAC, artists in their own right such as Alice Shire, Diana Parsons, Barbara Geagan, Peter Stone, and Sarah Brown, to name just a few, have all contributed to this important exhibit of the visual arts.

Visiting the MAC now more than ever before may be the refreshment needed as we continue to face uncertain times. Making the time to visit the MAC is the gift and self-help you may have been seeking. Seek and ye shall find at the MAC. For gallery hours and other events visit www.marionartcenter.org.

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Finally, on September 6, they again headed for America. They had already been living onboard for a month, and were now crowded with some passengers of the Speedwell. The living quarters were so cramped in an area of 80 by 20 feet under a ceiling about 5 feet high that some were unable to stand up straight for a period of about two months.

Soon the weather changed for the worst, as northeast winds hurled huge waves against the ship, eventually damaging the main beam in the hull that risked sinking far from land. Fortunately, a passenger had brought a metal jackscrew made for building houses that was used to repair the beam and restore seaworthiness to the craft so it could resume the trip to its original destination.

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Plymouth itself had much earlier been a Wampanoag settlement that had been wiped out by the smallpox epidemic. On Christmas day 1620, they decided that God had favored them by clearing the way for their taking possession of such a prime location to build on, and they started construction.

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Tabor Academy Reopens with Focus on Safety

Press Release

With the start of the school year upon us, the Tabor community is excited for an educational and healthy academic year. To mitigate the risks surrounding COVID-19, Tabor Academy in conjunction with our state and local government, has been hard at work strategizing and reorganizing our facilities to keep our community, and the community at large, safe. Many of these changes are available for viewing in our recent informational videos. These videos include changes to the Health Center, the Dining Hall, our academic rooms, residential life, and more.

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- All community members will be required to wear masks unless they are in their dorm rooms with the door closed.
- We will provide COVID-19 rapid antigen testing through Southcoast Health for all students who may be ill. Students living four hours or less will return home if they become sick. Students living four hours away or more, will be cared for in our Health Center.
- Our Health Center has been expanded to include a Health Center Annex which will provide quarantine space for COVID positive patients and persons under observation.
- Students, faculty, and staff will use a phone app every morning before school to identify any symptoms that might have arisen overnight.
- Our large venue meetings and events will go virtual (i.e. weekly chapel talks, all-school meeting, etc.)
- All spaces including classrooms, the dining hall, and common spaces have been organized for social distancing. As well, we have decreased the number of students in each classroom setting.
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- We have increased outdoor seating for students, faculty, and staff to access throughout the day.

As you can see, Tabor will look to de-densify our spaces wherever possible, restrict movement about campus, and adhere to state guidelines. Additionally, Tabor has put in place several contingency plans to help stop the spread of illness should any case arise. We are in a unique position as a school to have a successful year: our class numbers are naturally small, our campus is vast - giving us the ability to socially distance, and most of our facilities are separated from one another.

As always, the health and safety of our students and community are paramount. This year has seen an increase in changes due to COVID-19; however, we believe the plans put in place will make our community as safe as possible. We are proud of the work that our Plant Ops department, and our community as a whole, have done to re-shape our school to fit the current climate. We would also like to thank Marion Public Health Nurse Kathy Downey, and Jim Feen, current parent and Senior

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2021 Goals and Objectives Discussed

Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen

By Marilou Newell

On the heels of the 2020 spring Town Meeting, Mattapoisett's Board of Selectmen now turn their attention to other pressing matters: setting goals and

objectives for Town Administrator Mike Lorenzo and making their work more transparent to the public they serve.

Each selectman, as well as Lorenzo, came prepared to the August 25 meeting with a list of objectives that could be crafted into goals. After much discussion, the list contained four major areas deemed in need of improvement or reorganization.

First on the list was a complete review of all boards and committees including current members, vacancies, and the responsibilities or "charges" of each group. Lorenzo said there was a 30-page list for boards and committees, but whether or not the volunteer entities were all still active and, if active, whether the member list was accurate was in question.

Selectman Jordan Collyer said, "This should be in an Excel spreadsheet so we can filter as needed." He also said, "There are too many vacancies, and keeping track of the voids is important. This data should be more state-of-the-art." Selectman Paul Silva said it would be helpful for the public to see where vacancies are and possibly how they might help as a volunteer. The selectmen discussed how best to document what the committees and boards are charged with doing on behalf of the community, and Lorenzo suggested that each group draft what they believe are their areas of responsibility as a starting point.

Selectman John DeCosta, along with Collyer and Silva, expressed concern over vacancies on the Capital Planning Committee, a seven-member board with two vacancies. It was determined that by the next meeting Lorenzo will provide the beginnings of a spreadsheet list and the charges for each group with a completion date of early October.

The second priority brought to the fore was emergency planning and response. While the town does have emergency planning, the board believes that the COVID-19 pandemic has proven challenging, especially in terms of continuity of town hall business.

Collyer said, "We need a written continuity plan. We have a general idea, but we need to plan for who should work from home, what staff may be curtailed, and when. We need a document we can implement at a

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moment's notice. There's an emergency plan, but not one for business continuity."

Spring-boarding from this plan was the need for reorganization of the administrative office staff, suggested by DeCosta. Lorenzo said he had thoughts and has had conversations with staff members and would provide a written proposal for the board's review by October 31.

They also agreed that such documented plans should be available to the residents and discussed having it posted to the town's website. Silva asked that Lorenzo work with the Police and Fire departments to create a video on emergency planning with plans posted to the website.

The third area that is on the goals and objectives list is the reorganization of the shellfish officer's role. Collyer said this was number one on his list and included moving this to the Harbormaster office. "They have the right equipment and manpower. We are at a good point to make a transition. It's a game of efficiency," he said.

The board members were in agreement and plan to have a full transition completed by April 15, 2021. Silva said, while they were reorganizing this department, the animal control agreement with Rochester also needs a review and a written agreement.

Turning their attention to local receipts as number four on the list, the selectmen discussed the municipal transfer station. Lorenzo said that nearly since he was hired six months ago, there had been conversations with

the Board of Health over the transfer station's operation. He said they needed a scale to ensure accuracy when collecting fees for dumping. Collyer commented, "We have been subsidizing people." Silva said, "We need to figure out the revenue... if we can pick up \$25,000 to \$50,000 for the operating budget, that is a big number."

Collyer stated, "We need to talk to the Board of Health. Kayla (Davis, director) doesn't have much interest in managing it. Can it reside with someone else? I think Kayla could do wonders, but is that what we want her spending her time on?"

Silva responded, "We have to look at a lot of things. We have to review our policies with respect to local receipts. If we can pick up \$100,000, that's a nice number."

Moving on to other matters, Lorenzo said that the Master Plan about to be studied and updated with the assistance of South Eastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District (SRPEDD) was to kick off with two Discovery Workshops airing remotely on August 26 at 7:00 pm and August 29 at 10:00 am. There is also a Master Plan Survey, which Lorenzo said anyone could complete. All details are available at mattapoissett.net. He said the selectmen's involvement in the process was important. "The board should be heavily involved in the process for the next year."

Collyer said, "What I'd like us to do is full transparency." He said objectives should be available to




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the residents, including tracking the board's progress towards achieving goals.

The board had high praise for Lorenzo and his team in pulling together many working parts to ensure that the recent outdoor Town Meeting was a safe and productive environment for the residents. Silva noted a comment made by one resident regarding the lack of visibility regarding the schools' budgets. He said they should get the data out prior to the public hearings held for the schools' budgets so that residents can review the line-item budget versus just being asked to approve a single appropriation.

Lorenzo said he could work with the ORR District business manager.


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In other business, Lorenzo sought and received approval to pursue a Mass Works Grant in the sum of \$450,000 for a new traffic signal and crosswalk at the site of the new Fire Station. He said cost estimates for the equipment and installation hover around \$498,000.

The Acushnet Road bridge-replacement project is slated to begin in mid-September, Lorenzo said with an October completion. Unforeseen delays have pushed the project from its original start date of June.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen is scheduled for September 8 at 6:30 pm by remote access.

Sept. 10 Looms as Day of Zoom for ZBA

Marion Zoning Board of Appeals

By Mick Colageo

During its August 13 remote access meeting, the Marion Zoning Board of Appeals voted to reduce the letter of credit to \$20,398.46 in accordance upon request by builder Ken Steen, whose Sippican Village work was confirmed as being nearly complete at Fieldstone Way.

Steen had put up the line of credit compared in the meeting to an insurance bond, as a part of the normal course of action pertaining to a 40B (housing) project.

The ZBA was not clear on the exact nature of the Planning Board's request for comments regarding the Special Permit requested by Daniel Gibbs Sr. to erect a road sign at 459 Mill Street advertising his son Dan Gibbs Jr.'s roofing business. The business used to belong to Daniel Gibbs Sr. and to the latter's father before that. Lacking explanation as to where its comment should be directed, the ZBA refrained.

With only herself and board members Margherita Baldwin and David Bramley present, Chairperson Christina Frangos said it would not be fair to hear Cases 778 and 779 because there would not be enough members to vote or even invoke the Mullin Rule.

Case 778, applicants Patrick Fiscoeder and Allison O'Neil at 498B Point Road, was continued with apologies to the applicant to September 10 at 6:45 pm and Case 779, applicant Thomas C. Webster III at 34 Oakdale Avenue, was continued with apologies to the applicant to

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Beforehand that night, the Heron Cove 40B affordable housing case will be heard at 6:30 pm.

Board administrator Anne Marie Tobia told the board she had planned to take advantage of the emerging opportunity to meet in person at the Music Hall.

"The problem is the governor has limited the amount of people that can be in the Music Hall to 25," she said, acknowledging the possibility of, in addition to board members and herself, media coverage, and interested attendees from the public as is their right. "In most cases, we're not going to have 25 people at a Zoning Board meeting so I don't necessarily think it would be a problem. However, if we hit that 25-person mark and

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we need to turn people away, then we need to put that meeting off. We need to put it off to a new date."

Building Commissioner/Zoning Officer Scott Shippey noted that the Zoom can be offered in conjunction with the in-person meeting.

It was noted in the meeting that 19 people attended the Conservation Committee meeting at the Music Hall the night before, despite hearing only four cases. There was concern the ZBA could become "collateral damage" should a public hearing not be held in person due to overcrowding. Abutters are expected to attend the Heron Cove hearing on September 10.

Tobia, who introduced the subject, said this is likely to be a decision that will need to be made "on a meeting-by-meeting basis, and this will be the first meeting that's live on Heron Cove and people may come out for that. We may end up with more than we can handle there."

Tobia suggested September 10 be a Zoom meeting, and then decide from there how attendance should affect the decision over the mode for the next meeting.

Frangos took it a step further, saying Zoom works well in her private business and, from what she can tell, in public meetings as well. She doesn't think the ZBA should hold any in-person meetings until the coronavirus situation has changed substantially according to the governor. "That way we're not putting people

into attending something they may or may not feel comfortable with," she said.

Frangos also suggested that Marion make Zoom meetings more accessible by placing hyperlinks on the online agendas. Tobia said she will look into the matter.

In light of the continuances due to a lack of quorum for public hearing votes in the August 13 meeting, Frangos said the ZBA would benefit through a document outlining internal rules of participation and processes in the event the chairperson, for instance, is unable to attend.

Shippey suggested the ZBA use its time during an uneventful meeting to discuss its questions and take votes on such matters, then propose its solutions to the Board of Selectmen for review and decision. Frangos agreed to email Shippey on the details of related administrative matters that were discussed.

"I'd like to start with what is common practice – what do towns do – rather than starting from us pulling stuff out of the air," said Frangos.

Shippey said he would reach out to Barbara Carbone, a former ZBA member in another town, at KP Law for advice on the matter.

Case 774, involving construction at 114 Point Road, was continued to October 22.

The next meeting of the Marion ZBA is scheduled for Thursday, September 10, via Zoom.

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Despite Opposition, Eldredge Bogs Will Get Solar

Rochester Planning Board

By Matthew Donato

The Rochester Planning Board moved quickly in their meeting held on August 25 after the majority of public hearing applicants submitted requests to continue their proposal reviews until the next scheduled meeting.

The continuances included the hearings on the Cranberry Highway development, which still require work with the board's review engineer before any progress can be made.

Sarah Stearns of Beals and Thomas Inc. came before the board to discuss the finalized plans for a



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proposed solar canopy over the canals located at the Eldredge Bogs. After numerous meetings, Stearns and the board were able to amend the plans according to the desires of both parties.

The new plans feature changes to the design structure of the proposed canals in order to more adequately generate power from the proposed solar canopy. Stearns explained to the board that the proposed changes will not substantially impact design or conflict with any of the town's bylaws.

Despite the board and Stearns coming to a general agreement surrounding the proposal, community members arrived at the meeting to express some of their concerns surrounding the project. Mainly, concerns about

the value of nearby homes after the construction of the solar array were relayed to the board.

One community member brought a petition to block the construction of the solar panels; this petition was signed by 28 households in the surrounding neighborhood. The general concern put forth by area residents was that the solar construction would be unattractive and decrease the value of surrounding homes. In addition, there were concerns that, even if this particular site was screened from the view of the abutting properties, the construction may set a precedent that would permit similar solar sites on more visible properties.

Despite the dissent, there was some support

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from town residents. One participant argued that the solar project would be beneficial to the bog and that, even though he lives next to the bog, he has no problem with the solar canopy. To him, anything that could potentially benefit the struggling bogs would be a benefit to the town.

Chairman Arnold Johnson explained that there is little that the Planning Board can do in order to stop the project even if its members wanted to. The site in question falls into an agricultural zone, meaning that it is exempt from a vast majority of regulations that other projects have to address. Moreover, Johnson explained that solar sites have a kind of protective status under the law that means they cannot be blocked by the town without significant justification.

The Planning Board did address concerns surrounding screening by making it clear to town members that the board will do everything it can to ensure proper measures are in place to prevent the view of the site from abutting properties and nearby roads. Johnson also revealed that the site would be low impact, requiring no tree cutting or clearing of any kind. All of this would mean that minimal construction vehicles would be needed to complete the project.

After Johnson's explanation, the board voted to close the public hearing on the proposal and await a draft decision to be reviewed in its next meeting. The Rochester Planning Board will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, September 8, with remote access through Zoom and in-person access at the Rochester Memorial School.

Family Apartments Require 'Trust and Honesty'

Mattapoisett Zoning Board of Appeals
By Marilou Newell

During the August 20 meeting of the Mattapoisett Zoning Board of Appeals, the members held a hearing for the Special Permit application filed by John Houlihan of 6 Hi Ona Hill Road. Remotely sitting on the board this night were Colby Rottler, Norman Lyonnais, Tony Tranfaglia, and Jordan Rodrigues. Also in attendance was Chairman Susan Akin. Assisting the board through the hearing process and the remote access platform was Director of Inspectional Services Andy Bobola.

Bobola opened the hearing by saying, "This is a simple renewal due to a change of ownership." At issue was the transference of a Special Permit that would grant the Houlihans permission to have a family member live in an attached addition with private access.

Abutters who were not asked to identify themselves were also on the remote meeting voicing their concern that they needed assurance the apartment would not be used for just "anybody" to rent but would, in fact, be occupied by a family member. They also asked Bobola how he ensures that occupants are family members.

"Sometimes we'll get wind that a family apartment is being rented," said Bobola, responding

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that he relies for the most part on the honor system. In a follow-up, Bobola stated, "All we can rely on is a person telling the truth."

Bobola said his office does receive complaints that are investigated, and if a homeowner is renting a family-related apartment their Special Permit is voided. Other legal actions may be taken when the Zoning Bylaw is breached. "That would make it an unpermitted, two-family home," he stated. "We rely on trust and honesty." Bobola said that his office is currently investigating a zoning bylaw breach to bring the property into compliance.

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family-related apartment, including the space above a garage if the garage is attached to the dwelling unit.

There was no one present at the August 20 meeting to represent the Houlihans, but Bobola said his office had received an email clarifying that a senior member of the family would be occupying the apartment in question and was, in fact, one of the property owners. The request was unanimously approved.

A hearing for a variance for property located at 13 North Street owned by Deborah Smiley and Sam Ogle was withdrawn with prejudice. The application was for a new two-car garage with a driveway that included a turn-around on the property. Issues between the architect and the property owners need to be resolved, Ogle said, before the project can move forward.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Zoning Board of Appeals will be scheduled pending hearings.

Farm Family Seeks to Reconfigure

Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals

By Mick Colageo

The Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals met for the first time on remote access platform and for the first time since March 12 to hold a public hearing for applicants Anita and William Milka for the property at 246 and 268 New Bedford Road.

The residents across the street at 241 New Bedford Road seek a variance under Bylaw Chapter

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20.40, Section D.1, for approval at 246 and 268 of a lot with reduced frontage, reduction in buildable area, and reduction in lot shape. The petitioners seek to restore an awkward layout of lots bordering their farm to an original 1976 design that would also relocate access to the farm via a lot that their daughter plans to buy and move into.



The acreage of the respective lots is 4.89 acres and 6.31 acres. Filed under Appeal No. 1149, the agricultural/residential property includes nine lots, and several abutters were named by Chairman David Arancio as he read the petition. There nine structures on the lots, including one dwelling on each lot.

William Milka explained to the ZBA that the variance would allow access to the farm to be reconstituted from 268 New Bedford Road, where there is presently none. "It's just a better fit all around... our daughter wants to buy the ranch house and have the farm attached where she works," he said.

Board member Kirby Gilmore pointed out that, if the applicants wish to restore an old layout not presently applied for in the current petition, it is possible, but will

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require a new hearing. Arancio concurred with Gilmore but said he would defer to Town Counsel Blair Bailey, who was on vacation at the time of the meeting.

"Why don't we meet with our engineer and have him modify this plan, and maybe we can request that we can go back (to the original layout). It looks a lot cleaner than it used to be," said William Milka.

Gilmore suggested a site visit and Milka said he would assist. Associate member Jeffrey Costa sought and got clarification that Milka owns the farm and the land it occupies.

Arancio suggested continuance of the hearing and the opportunity to bring Town Counsel into the loop. Arancio said he received communication from the Planning Board that it has no position on the matter.

The ZBA planned a site visit and voted to continue the hearing to the next meeting of the Rochester ZBA, scheduled for Thursday, August 27, at 7:30 pm, via Zoom.

Drainage Issues No Fault of Pinebrook Lane

Mattapoisett Conservation Commission

By Mick Colageo

The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission supported a construction project at 3 Pinebrook Lane, despite objections from an abutter during the commission's Monday night, remote access meeting.

A Request for Determination of Applicability was

filed by Rene Macie and Sheila Ryan-Macie, for approval to proceed with the construction of a third bay on their garage and fencing along the back of their property within the buffer zone of bordering vegetated wetlands. The garage addition would measure 25 feet, 8 inches by 18 feet.

Historic stormwater drainage problems in the area have caused flooding in the basements of some properties in the neighborhood. Currently, the Highway Department is working on plans to upgrade the drainage systems in the area.

Abutter Charles Motta, who lives at 26 Holly Lane, spoke against the changes to the property.

"The lot has been stripped of trees... I wish they would plant some trees to absorb some of the water," said Motta, who believes drainage onto his property has been created by the subdivision on Pinebrook Lane. He also said that a detention pond on the property has not been maintained.

Chairman Mike King responded, "Mass DEP (Department of Environmental Protection) at your request did a site visit prior to the construction of the home. All systems were installed as required by DEP. This property is not causing your problems. The project as proposed is permissible. The commission is not in a position to compel anyone to plant trees. The town manager is working with the Highway Department on your behalf."

The project received a negative determination of applicability.

A Notice of Intent filed by Kathleen and William Sylvia to raze a house and build another at 41 Cove Street was continued until September 14. Engineer Rick Charon detailed the scope of the project as razing of existing one-bedroom dwelling on a barrier beach for a new home to be built atop 12 pilings driven 20-feet below grade. The construction would take place within buffer zones of the coastal shoreline and salt marsh. Charon indicated that the project proposes the removal of approximately 750 square feet of beach grass that will be replanted under the elevated structure and the addition of 100 cubic feet of beach sand for beach nourishment.

"Two words should be remembered: coastal resiliency," said King, who said he would take the proposal under advisement but wants to research other design options for the barrier beach.

An Enforcement Order at 37 Water Street was continued until September 14 to give a wetland scientist time to develop remediation plans for the non-permitted use of weed killer along a perennial stream that discharges into the town beach.

Remediation is underway at 42 Marion Road after an Enforcement Order was issued for non-permitted disturbance to jurisdictional areas.

Michael and Patricia Donovan at 3 Pepperbush Lane received a negative determination of applicability for their plans to build a deck and shed within 108 of a perennial stream.

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George Payne, representing owners at 55 Brandt Island Road, received a negative determination -of applicability for plans for an above-ground pool and deck within the 100-foot buffer zone to bordering vegetated wetlands.

Cheryl A. Engle-Belknap and Greg Carlisle also received a negative determination of applicability for their plans to upgrade a single-family home at 34 Fairhaven Road which sits partially within a mapped flood zone.

Patrick and Lisa Matthews have filed a Notice of Intent at Park Place for a new home with a walk-out basement within the buffer zone to a bordering vegetated wetland. King asked for permanent fencing to denote the boundary of the wetlands. The case was continued to September 14 to allow for public comment.

Donald and Carol Lamarr received a negative determination of applicability for their 40x50 foot garage proposal within a mapped flood zone at 5 Tallman Street.

The RDA filed by Brian and Patricia O'Neill for work at 11 Mechanic Street was continued to September 14, as the scope of the project has decreased, new plans pending.

Peter Saccone's Notice of Intent for construction of a new home at 2 Park Lane was conditioned.

The next meeting of the Mattapoissett Conservation Commission is scheduled for September 14 at 7pm.

Town Takes Aim at 20 Percent Reduction

Marion Energy Management Committee

By Mick Colageo

The thinktank that is the Marion Energy Management Committee met on Monday night via Zoom to discuss myriad challenges, circumstances, and concepts. Even ideas were battled around as the town seeks opportunities to help establish itself as a Green Community eligible for additional grants to fund projects that will meet needs both short and long-term.

While Marion is engaged in various stages of projects ongoing and planned, how it goes about achieving building and repairing of facilities and properties is something the Energy Management

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Committee constantly ponders, discusses, and researches. When its members come together, it's a round-the-table, round-the-world visitation to subjects that may have near or far-ranging potential impact.

Almost all of the ideas and revelations that come forth from the EMC could potentially contribute to a five-year goal being monitored by committee member Bill Saltonstall, who reported that Marion has reduced energy use by 14.3 percent in the last three years. The town needs to reach a 20-percent-reduction goal over the next two years.

"I think we have a fighting chance to get to our 20 percent," said Saltonstall. Marion must achieve 20 percent in energy savings over the five years ending in 2022 in

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order to continue the grant program "so it's important we get there."

Part of the immediate challenge is sorting through apparent distortions in Marion's electricity bills.

"For some reason, it appears on our street lights (that) a couple of accounts were left out of our records, so it looks as if (right after Marion installed LED bulbs on street lights) that we tripled our expenses," said Saltonstall, who suspects that certain accounts are missing from the town's profile.

After Marion had installed energy-efficient bulbs, Eversource was still charging on sodium bulbs, but Saltonstall told the committee that situation has been fixed.

Posing a challenge to further progress, the Community Center, previously owned by the VFW, now receives heat and electricity from the town, constituting added energy use. "No way we can shake that, it's a Marion facility now," said Saltonstall.

On the other hand, the town's recent sale of property on Atlantis Avenue takes that energy expenditure off the books.

EMC Chairperson Christian Ingerslev openly hoped that energy spent at the Community Center will be offset by the reduction at Atlantis Avenue, "but heat pumps may help us also."

Saltonstall cautioned the meeting that, while the COVID-19 pandemic resulted in a sharp reduction of electricity and gas at Sippican School in the spring, that consumption will increase in the fall. It is hoped that insulation and LED lighting throughout the school will help. He also hopes a grant will come through to install storm panels on Taber Library windows.

Now that the Town House is no longer the leaky old building it was prior to recent renovations including weather-stripped windows, it has gotten "stuffy" according to Saltonstall, who thinks there is an affordable solution. A heat-recovery ventilator that would be installed separately from the building's heating system is designed to suck out stagnant air and replace it with fresh air. Installation requires minimal invasion to the building "so it's a pretty easy system to put in," he said.

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The question will be available funding.

"We want to provide makeup air so we can have a fresh atmosphere in there," said Saltonstall in a follow-up call.

Town Manager Gil Hilario reported having applied last week in the \$11,000 grant category for a net-zero feasibility study for a new DPW facility at the site of the town's wastewater treatment plant.

Saltonstall envisions a new, 10,000 square-foot building with waters available for a ground-source heat pump, a roof large enough to support solar panels, and a radiant floor. "We're not trying to make this fancy, we're just trying to make it less expensive to operate," he said.

Ingerslev estimates that the additional costs

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of a ground-source heat pump (geothermal system) are returned in 5-10 years, and the life of the system is approximately 25 years.

Marion's initiatives toward Green Community status will focus on the wastewater treatment plant itself. Citing the next round of grant funding, Hilario reported having met with DPW Director David Willett and said he would like to conduct a walk-through of the facility with Eversource, which surveyed the site on June 14. It would seem the town has come to accept the limitations on solar panels not to expand to the slopes of the Benson Brook landfill due to its steep sides.

Green Communities grants award information is expected later this summer. Existing awards must be spent by next spring, according to Hilario, who expects any awarded projects to be completed in January.

The committee agreed to recommend the parking area across Front Street from the Music Hall at Island Wharf for a vehicle charging station. The Board of Selectmen will need to approve in order to pursue a grant for installation.

Saltonstall asked whether the public would be assessed fees for usage. Hilario said Assistant Town Administrator Judy Mooney would need to determine a fiscally responsible course of action.

Committee member Eileen Marum asked what has happened to the charging stations that existed on the property formerly owned by the town on Atlantis

Drive. Hilario said he will inquire. Ingerslev asked him to address the matter at the committee's next meeting.

Police cruisers were discussed as a potentially untapped area for energy savings. Saltonstall reported that Marion saved 6,000 gallons of gasoline in 2017 by leasing hybrid vehicles (from 32,000 to 26,000 gallons). "Those are big numbers, but a police cruiser, if we could possibly get a hybrid for that purpose, it's supposed to save 2,500 gallons of gas a year," said Saltonstall, who told the committee he had seen several Ford Interceptor police cars bearing "Hybrid" signs while driving last week to Brunswick, Maine.

In addition to general fuel savings, hybrid cruisers, said Saltonstall, would avoid burning gasoline while idling at construction sites. Hybrids cut off when the battery is fully charged and come back on, extending engine life. Saltonstall said the hybrid cruisers will be just as hot and well equipped as traditional gas-powered cruisers. A \$5,000 incentive grant he thinks would probably make up the difference in price. Saltonstall estimates that Marion buys one police cruiser per year and typically keeps them in service 5-6 years.

Citing cost as an obvious concern, Hilario said he intends to further discuss their potential with Town Administrator Jay McGrail and Chief of Police John B. Garcia.

While the four Mitsubishi Outlander SUV (seven-passenger) hybrids use substantially less gasoline than a normal SUV, Saltonstall said the vehicles were not popular with the people using them. "They're not all-electric. You get a much better grant if you get them all-electric. That's kind of where it stands. In another year and a half, there will be better ones more suitable for our purposes," he said.

According to Saltonstall, Marion has no local gas stations that sell Ethenol-free gasoline. He said no local gas station thinks it will sell fast. Also called "pure gas," Ethenol-free gas is known to work more efficiently with small-engine equipment like lawnmowers and trimmers. It is generally priced the same as high-octane.

Robert Fisher is trying to establish for the committee a database on what category of vehicles people

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drive in Marion, especially to establish the number of electric and hybrid cars in town. Hilario said that more data helps the town plan and that a report "perhaps every other year" would suffice.

Members of the EMC mused about the potential for a carport at the Community Center parking. The concept is that such a construction could at once support a photo-voltaic solar array (panels atop carports), give vehicles shade, and potentially offer charging stations as the town shifts toward electric-powered vehicles.

Aspiring committee members Alanna Nelson, Alex Roy, and Tom Friedman attended Monday night's meeting but only as guests without voting privileges. It was explained to them by Ingerslev that, while the Board of Selectmen did not reject their applications to join, they did hesitate to endorse their addition without a subtraction to maintain an odd number of voting members.

After meeting with McGrail and committee member Jen Francis, Ingerslev said the most appropriate solution is for Francis make herself an alternate (non-voting) member and all new members to become full members. The completion of that process will go to the selectmen for vote. Then the new members will be sworn in at the Town House.

The next meeting of the Marion Energy Management Committee is scheduled for Monday, September 28, on Zoom.



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Only Voc-Tech Students to Attend Class on Campus

Old Colony Regional School Committee

By Mick Colageo

While the hybrid model to be used by Old Colony Regional Vocational-Technical High School resembles that to be used by Old Rochester Regional School District in name, Old Colony will only offer in-person learning on a hybrid model to its vocational-technical students, whereas strictly academic students will study on a fully remote platform.

Furthermore, Old Colony's vocational-technical students will cycle on and off the school's Rochester campus on a two-week cycle (ORR students will physically attend school two days per week). Old Colony will divide its vocational-technical student body into two groups.

"Grades 9/11 will attend one cycle, while grades 10/12 attend the other. This results in an approximate 50/50 split," wrote Superintendent-Director Aaron Polansky in an email to *The Wanderer*.

Beginning September 9, Students will participate 7:40-10:30 am in orientation days. Here is the orientation schedule: Freshmen (last names A-K) on Wednesday, September 9; Freshman (last names L-Z) on Thursday, September 10; Juniors only on Friday, September 11; Sophomores only on Monday, September 14; and Seniors only on Tuesday, September 15.

According to information disseminated during the Old Colony Regional School Committee's August 19 meeting, faculty may contact students, but the orientation days are not part of the school's 170-day academic year that officially begins with the opening day of school on Wednesday, September 16.

In addressing the academic calendar during the August 19 meeting, Polansky said he overlooked April 2, 2021 (Good Friday), and said he had to add a day to the end of the school calendar to achieve the state requirement of 170.

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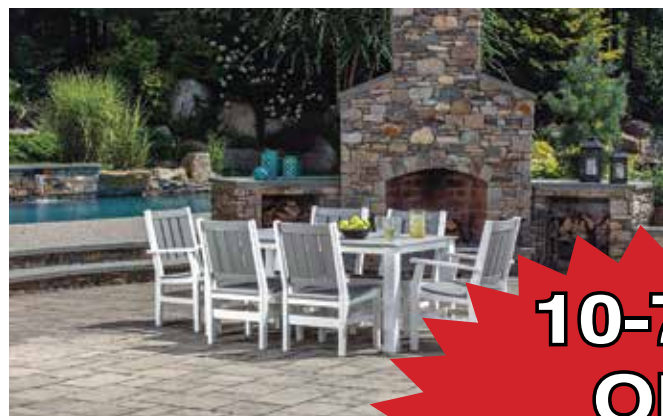




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7:30 AM On the Move
8:30 AM Recovery Fitness
9:00 AM Generation Conversation
9:32 AM Health Source
10:00 AM Tae Kwon Do
10:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
11:00 AM Lucy's World of Painting
11:30 AM Southcoast Matters TV
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM New England Cooks
1:30 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
2:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
2:30 PM Rob Surrette Sunnyspeak Interview
3:00 PM Off the Shelf
3:30 PM Books and the World
4:00 PM Registers Report
4:33 PM The World Fusion Show
5:00 PM Governor Baker COVID-19 Update
5:48 PM ORCTV Year in Review 2019
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Arts Alive
7:00 PM The Cinemaniacs!
8:00 PM Stop My Crisis
8:30 PM Science 360
9:30 PM Money Matters TV
10:00 PM Learning Music with Pat
10:30 PM The David Pakman Show
11:30 PM Democracy Now!

Friday August 28, 2020
7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM The Art of Tai Chi
8:30 AM Health Source
9:00 AM Mattapoisett COA Yoga with Tracy Clarke
10:07 AM The Art of Being Human
10:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
11:00 AM Recovery Fitness
11:30 AM Tae Kwon Do
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM New England Cooks
1:30 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
2:00 PM The Collective Chat
2:30 PM Cape Conversations
3:00 PM Perils for Pedestrians
3:30 PM Arts Alive
4:00 PM In the Toy Box
4:30 PM Stop My Crisis
5:00 PM Governor Baker COVID-19 Update
5:47 PM Schvitz'n with Norm
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Mr. Scammer
7:30 PM The Chundria Show
8:00 PM Southcoast Matters TV
8:30 PM Gay USA
9:30 PM The Cinemaniacs!
10:30 PM The David Pakman Show

11:30 PM Democracy Now!
Saturday August 29, 2020
6:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartoons
9:00 AM Governor Baker COVID-19 Update
9:47 AM Schvitz'n with Norm
10:00 AM Perils for Pedestrians
10:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
11:00 AM Southcoast Matters TV
11:30 AM The Art of Being Human
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM New England Cooks
1:30 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
2:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
2:30 PM Let's Talk Business
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6:30 PM Arts Alive
7:00 PM Gay USA
8:00 PM Mind Your Business
8:30 PM Money Matters TV
9:00 PM Registers Report
9:33 PM The World Fusion Show
10:00 PM Two Tones with George Lopes
10:30 PM The David Pakman Show
11:30 PM Democracy Now!

Sunday August 30, 2020
6:00 AM Veterans Voice
7:46 AM Schvitz'n with Norm
8:00 AM Mattapoisett Congregational Church
8:30 AM Health Source
9:00 AM First Congregational Church of Rochester
10:00 AM The Art of Being Human
10:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
11:00 AM St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church of Marion
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM New England Cooks
1:30 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
2:00 PM The Collective Chat
2:30 PM The Chundria Show
3:00 PM Cape Conversations
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8:30 PM The Cinemaniacs!
9:30 PM Ghost Chronicles
10:30 PM The David Pakman Show
11:30 PM Democracy Now!

Monday August 31, 2020
7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM On the Move
8:30 AM Seniors on the Move
9:00 AM Generation Conversation
9:44 AM Schvitz'n with Norm
10:00 AM Health Talk
10:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
11:00 AM The Art of Being Human
11:30 AM Lucy's World of Painting
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM New England Cooks
1:30 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
2:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
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7:30 PM Stop My Crisis
8:00 PM Off the Shelf
8:30 PM The Cinemaniacs!
9:30 PM 4 Deep Sports Talk
10:30 PM The David Pakman Show
11:30 PM Democracy Now!

Tuesday September 1, 2020
7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM The Art of Tai Chi
8:30 AM Seniors on the Move
9:00 AM Mattapoisett COA Yoga with Tracy Clarke
10:07 AM The Art of Being Human
10:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
11:00 AM Recovery Fitness
11:30 AM Cape Conversation
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM New England Cooks
1:30 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
2:00 PM The Collective Chat
2:30 PM Southcoast Matters TV
3:00 PM Learning Music with Pat
3:30 PM Hollywood Movie Maker
4:00 PM 4 Deep Sports Talk
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7:30 PM Books and the World
8:00 PM Science 360
9:00 PM Stop My Crisis
9:30 PM Gay USA
10:30 PM The David Pakman Show
11:30 PM Democracy Now!

Wednesday September 2, 2020

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM The Art of Being Human
8:00 AM Health Source
8:30 AM Tae Kwon Do
9:00 AM Generation Conversation
9:44 AM Schvitz'n with Norm
10:00 AM Health Talk
10:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
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7:31 AM Marion Board of Selectman - August 11, 2020
9:08 AM Marion Conservation Commission - August 12, 2020
11:00 AM Marion School Committee - August 7, 2020
12:35 PM Marion Planning Board - August 17, 2020
1:30 PM ORR Joint School Committee - August 12, 2020
2:33 PM ORR School Committee - August 10, 2020
4:00 PM Marion Zoning Board of Appeals - August 13, 2020
4:31 PM Marion Board of Selectman - August 11, 2020
6:08 PM Marion Conservation Commission - August 12, 2020
8:05 PM Marion School Committee - August 7, 2020
9:35 PM Marion Planning Board - August 17, 2020
10:30 PM ORR Joint School Committee - August 12, 2020
11:33 PM ORR School Committee - August 10, 2020

ROCHESTER GOVERNMENT Comcast Channel 95 Verizon Channel 40 Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Rochester Conservation Commission - August 18, 2020
9:33 AM Rochester Board of Selectman - August 17, 2020

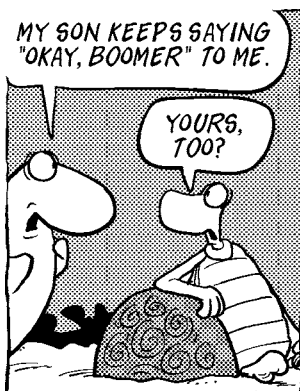
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11:33 PM Rochester Board of Selectman - August 17, 2020

EDUCATION CHANNEL Comcast Channel 97 Verizon Channel 37 Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Bulldog Weekly
7:40 AM Rochester Middle School Graduation 2020
8:30 AM Marion Natural History Museum - Native Plants Presentation
9:00 AM Generation Conversation
9:44 AM Sippican Lands Trust - Osprey Marsh Boardwalk
10:00 AM Tri-County Quartet at the Pines - August 17, 2020
11:05 AM ORRHS Graduation 2020
12:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
12:40 PM Sippican School 6th Grade Promotion Ceremony
1:30 PM Sippican Historical Society - Old Stone Studio
3:00 PM Old Colony Graduation 2020
3:33 PM Old Hammond School Graduation 2020
4:30 PM ORRHS Music Department 2020 Tribute
5:12 PM ORRHS 2020 Varsity Sports Honors
5:30 PM Old Colony Excellence in Effort 2019-2020
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to Business Manager Sarah Griffith.

Griffith reported nine vendors pulled the bid this year, but only one responded, a scenario she considers typical. First Student has been the district's bus company for the past three school years.

The one bid asked for a five-year contract with what Griffith called "very fair pricing that I think the school district will be able to fit into our budget." She recommended that the committee award First Student a five-year contract with two option years. The five-year contract was approved at the committee's last meeting.

School Committee Chairperson Shirley Bourque was happy to see First Student continue with the Old Colony district. "Quite frankly, the experience we've had with First Student these last three years... this last contract, has been a very good relationship," said Bourque.

"Their customer service... to the students, the parents, and the school district has been fantastic," said Griffith. School Committee member Evelyn Bouley responded, "So you're saying the one before was lousy?" Griffith reiterated her remarks referencing First Student.

Bouley, who had missed the school committee's prior meeting due to a miscommunication, is opposed to the five-year term because "It's just a big part of the budget," she said. "It's a lot of what we do and what we save and what we bring in and who we respect."

Committee member Robert Marshall, representing Lakeville, pointed to the \$4,170,610 pricetag and clarified with Griffith that the amount covers the five-year term. Griffith said option years will come up in School Committee in spring 2025.

Bouley's was the lone opposing vote.

Jolene Costa proposed using the school's website as the official posting location for public meetings and agendas, citing difficulties reaching the town clerks' offices amidst staff shortages brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic. Costa clarified that, if Old Colony adopts her proposed measure, the affected towns do not have to post the meetings per state law.

"I just have to give (town clerks offices) the direction on where the public can find the posting," she said. "Out of courtesy, I will still send postings to them and they can choose to file them, but they don't have to post if they don't want to."

The School Committee approved the motion. Henceforth, Old Colony will post on its own website to maintain compliance with state Open Meeting law.

The School Committee approved two coronavirus-related proposals made by the Policy Subcommittee: The first is an (EBCFA) requirement to wear a facemask while in the school building even if maintaining a six-foot distance from other people (the state-mandated measure for mask requirement); the second outlines all of the policies with any amendments.

Polansky also discussed the school cafeteria, a self-funded program in need of creative ways to

supplement lost income due to the pandemic. Meals will be made available for families to purchase, group dinners, and group lunches.

"If for some reason we have any concern... regarding revenues, we will revisit the data in September," he told the committee, praising the work of Old Colony Nutrition Director Crystal Andrade. "What Crystal and Sarah (Griffith) have done to resurrect that program is really a beautiful thing, and it is a testament to Crystal's management skills... She is truly the epitome of the person we want leading that charge."

"I have a funny feeling the majority of the Bourque family will be having supper at Old Colony," said Bourque, bringing laughter as she cited an opportunity to benefit the community. School Committee member Don Foster playfully suggested all Old Colony meetings becoming dinner meetings.

In answer to Rochester representative David Hughes' question, "Will all the students be eating primarily in the cafeteria?" Polansky explained a staggered approach to ensure safe distancing. "What we've done is students who are not buying lunch during their lunch period will report immediately to the gymnasium," he said. "We cannot fit every student into the cafeteria so there will be multiple shifts for eating" in two locations at a minimum 6 feet apart.

Gym classes will be held via the remote-learning portion of the curriculum.

The next meeting of the Old Colony Regional School District is scheduled to be held on September 16.

ORR, Old Colony Hopeful for Fall Sports

Sports Roundup

By Nick Friar

As the 2020-21 school year approaches, one of the many issues that need to be addressed is the fall high school sports season. In Massachusetts, the MIAA Board of Directors has been in constant discussion about plans, working with the MIAA COVID-19 Task Force and the MIAA Sports Medicine Committee.

"Every sports committee has come up with a pretty good plan of the changes that will need to happen to make sports as safe as they can be," Old Rochester athletic director and member of the MIAA Sports Medicine Committee Bill Tilden said. "There's no way to make it 100 percent — there is a risk of COVID, no matter what we do. So long as people understand that and that there are some considerable rule changes going on that are going to be tricky to navigate at first because kids have been playing a game a certain way for such a long time, and now you're making some pretty major changes to it to keep making them as safe as possible. It's going to be tricky."

The MIAA has released recommendations for schools over the course of the summer to give athletic directors guidance. However, the decision to offer fall

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Barbara E. (Berndt) Urquhart, 76, of Mattapoisett passed away Saturday August 15, 2020 at home surrounded by her family. She was the loving wife and best friend of Edward M. Urquhart; they had been married for 56 years.

Born in Rhode Island, the daughter of the late Allen Berndt and Natalie (Harvey) Bebeau, she lived in the Attleboro area for many years before moving to Mattapoisett 17 years ago.

Barbara was formerly employed as a title examiner for the Law Office of Coogan, Smith, and McGahan in Attleboro.

As an avid boater, she was her husband's First Mate on countless trips throughout the years. She enjoyed playing golf and attending the Friday Ladies luncheons with her friends at the Bay Club. She was also a dedicated volunteer at the Nativity Preparatory School in New Bedford.

She is survived by her husband, Edward; her children, Kim P. Uttermann and her husband John of Bellingham, and James E. Urquhart of Derry, NH; two sisters, Linda Berndt and Nancy Berndt and her husband, Mark Beland, all of Attleboro; two grandchildren, Collins E. and Andrew W. Uttermann; and nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her brother, Allen Berndt and his wife Ann.

A private family burial service will be held. A public celebration of her life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to Nativity Preparatory School, 66 Spring St., New Bedford, MA 02740. Arrangements are by the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd., Mattapoisett. For online condolence book, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com.



Nolan Fergus Gibbons, 15, of Marion, Massachusetts passed away in his sleep early Tuesday morning, August 18, 2020. He had attended Sippican Elementary School and Old Rochester Junior High and High School.

Born on July 12, 2005 in Boston, MA, Nolan came into the world making musical cries. By the age of 5, he was in constant motion, dancing, singing and teaching himself piano.

In the next 10 years, Nolan went from private singing lessons to performing across New England in the Encore Repertory Theater, Break A Leg Theater Company and Showstoppers, garnering roles in productions of West Side Story, Young Frankenstein, The Wizard of Oz, Seussical the Musical, Mary Poppins, including the lead in Shrek the Musical.

In 2017, he won "New England's Got Talent" with his own arrangement of John Lennon's "Imagine" (singing live with his own pre-recorded video/vocals in the final round).

His momentum lead him to join Acapop!KIDS, a pro-

fessional teen a cappella group, where he sang and performed nationally in concerts, albums and music videos. In 2019 and 2020 he sang in the renowned A Cappella Academy camp in Los Angeles—"the best 10 days of my entire life"—performing and composing with people and music he dearly loved. His original songs and compositions are set to release this fall.

He is survived by his loving parents, Warren and Sheila (Arenstam) Gibbons; his grandparents, Boyd and Gay Gibbons and the late Anne and John Arenstam; a vibrant, caring community of artists and musicians; his beloved cats, Evie, Roland, and Ruthy; and many aunts, uncles, cousins, and extended family.

Funeral services will be held privately. A public memorial service will be held at a date and time to be announced. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that any donations please be made to the Nolan Gibbons Memorial Fund, <https://www.gofundme.com/f/nolan-gibbons-memorial>.



Albert C. "Al" Muren, of Marion, MA and Port St. Lucie, FL, died peacefully of natural causes at age 86, on August 18, 2020. Albert is survived by his wife, Frances Sajewicz; three children by his wife of 47 years, the late Irene (Rosselot) Muren – Andrea Shanahan of Medford, MA, Clifford Muren of Natick, MA, and Gail Stetson, and her husband Jon Stetson of Fairhaven, MA; and three grandchildren

– Elise Muren, John C. Shanahan, and Alison Shanahan. He is also survived by two sisters, Judy Matthews of Arvada, CO and Regina Martin of Carson City, NV.

Albert was born in Barberton, OH, and graduated from Norton High School. He earned a bachelor's degree in Chemical Engineering from The Ohio State University, and a master's degree in Engineering Management from Northeastern University. He started his career at PPG Chemicals in New Martinsville, WV, where he led the development of processes related to the manufacture of PVC and for sulfur-based products, and was transferred for three years to Corpus Christi, TX. In the mid-70s, he accepted a position with Polaroid Corporation in New Bedford, MA, and settled with his family in Marion, MA. At Polaroid for 20+ years, he worked as an engineer developing color-processing chemicals for instant cameras, and from which he retired as a principal engineer in 1994.

During retirement, Albert spent winters at his home in Port St. Lucie, FL, escaping the cold New England winters to revel in the warm weather. A self-described "avid athlete of average ability," he enjoyed year-around golf, tennis, and six-wicket croquet.

A life-long amateur musician and singer, he played tuba in The Ohio State Marching Band, sang with the Sippican

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sports to student-athletes this year falls upon each individual school.

"We're looking at a league approach (in the Mayflower Athletic Conference)," Old Colony athletic director and member of the MIAA Board of Directors Matt Trahan said. "Because, in all of this, there are so many fine intricacies where if you choose to do something, you can affect somebody else. ... There's really a lot to it, and each school is different."

At Old Colony, vocational-technical high school students will be attending their shop courses in person on a hybrid (two weeks in, two weeks out) model. The academic students, however, will be learning at home in the fall.

Old Rochester's hybrid model will cover the vast majority of its student body, as students attend school two days a week and learn from home the other three days, dividing the student body in half to limit the amount in the building at a time.

As Trahan points out, each school is handling the fall differently. There are still some districts that don't expect to have students in the building at the start of the 2020-21 school year. That creates another obstacle for the fall sports season — both for the schools not bringing students back into the building and the schools they're scheduled to play.

"(Schools doing remote learning solely) still have to make the decision if they are going to allow sports during this phase or not," Tilden said. "And there are some hybrid schools that are very nervous about the timing of it."

There's also been some discussion about trying to play some of the spring sports in the fall, given they lend themselves to social distancing. But the concern about starting a spring season again only to potentially cancel it again is too great a risk at this stage. Rather than put baseball, softball, lacrosse, and other spring student-athletes at risk, schools would rather wait on those sports for the spring, with the hope those athletes won't have to experience a repeat of what has happened in 2020.

"We're always going to look at the best interest of the kids in keeping them safe," Trahan said. "That's the top priority. I could say the same for the (Mayflower) league. Everybody's onboard to take care of the kids in the league and make sure they get a quality experience, but ultimately that they're safe in double so."

For all the doubt associated with the process, there is hope for fall student-athletes, in large part thanks to the work Trahan, Tilden, and their colleagues have done and continue to put forth.

Letters to the Editor

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To the Editor;

I write to Thank You for the gift that is Marilou Newell's writing. Her articles about "The Mattapoisett Life" are always so beautifully written and so much fun to read! Although I'm loathe to admit I, too, am of a 'certain age'; her stories deeply resonate and take me back to a time that seems so much simpler. I'm tempted to cut-out each one and tape it to the fridge and/or send it to my sister, who would undoubtedly chuckle right along with me.

So, to summarize, let us raise a glass of wine (or your preferred adult beverage) to Marilou and hope that her creative juices, memories and stories keep on flowing. Here's to you, Marilou!!

Sincerely,

Cindy Johnson formerly of Mattapoisett

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Choral Society in Marion, MA and the Treasure Coast Community Singers in Stuart, FL, as well as barbershop chapters in New Bedford, MA and Jensen Beach, FL. A devout Catholic, he was a parishioner at Holy Family Roman Catholic Church in Port St. Lucie and Church of Saint Rita in Marion.

Among his many friends, he was known as kind and energetic, with a streak of mischief. Growing up, he was a loyal brother to his two younger sisters and a responsible son who made his parents proud. Throughout his life he lived up to his own high standards and never knew the idle life. He enjoyed crossword puzzles, reading, and following business news. Especially later in life, he had robust social life that included sports, dining, and even a discovered talent for ballroom dancing.

He was a good man. He will be dearly missed by all.

Visitation was held on Tuesday, August 25, 2020 at the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd., Route 6, Mattapoisett, MA. A funeral mass will be held on Wednesday, September 2, 2020 at 10:30 am in St. Louis Church, Owensville, OH, followed by burial in St. Louis Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to the Little Sisters of the Poor, 964 Main St., Pawtucket, RI 02860 or Food for the Poor, 6401 Lyons Rd., Coconut Beach, FL 33073. For online guestbook, please visit www.saunders-dwyer.com

William J. "Bill" McMorrow, 77, of Mattapoisett, MA and Bradenton, FL, passed away peacefully at his summer home, on Tuesday, August 18, 2020. He was the beloved husband of Judith (Doucette) McMorrow for 54 years.



Bill was born in Boston, Massachusetts, the son of the late William H. McMorrow and Joan (Sawyer) McMorrow. Bill and Judy resided for many years in East Providence, Rhode Island while summering in Mattapoisett. After retirement, Bill and Judy became snowbirds and moved to Bradenton, Florida, and would summer in Mattapoisett surrounded by family and friends.

Bill graduated from Northeastern University. He was a sales manager for many years in the truck leasing industry, and later in life, ventured into founding and co-owning his company, Diesel Direct, Inc.

He was a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks since 1975. He was proud to be a part of their mission to fund scholarships and Veterans care and welfare.

Bill was an avid boater, and spent countless hours with friends and family sharing his love for the open ocean. Perhaps his greatest love was walking with his wife Judy and their faithful yellow Labrador. His other great passion was watching his seven grandchildren grow into young men and women. He was immensely proud of each grandchild and would share his pride daily with different friends and acquaintances.

tances.

He is survived by his wife Judith, three daughters, Lauren Alves and her husband Mark, Melissa DeLoreto and her husband Louis, and Linda Ries and her husband Justin, his sister, Joanne Struzziery and her husband Joseph, seven grandchildren, Christopher, Julia, Katherine, Elizabeth, Caroline, Megan and William, his sister-in-law, Sheila McMorrow, and his lifelong best friend Richard Guptil.

He was predeceased by his brother John "Jack" McMorrow.

His Memorial Mass will be celebrated on Thursday August 27th at 10:00am at St. Anthony's Church, Mattapoisett. The Mass will be followed by a Christian burial at Woodside Cemetery in Cohasset, Massachusetts. In lieu of flowers, a donation in Bill's name can be made to Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave, Chicago, IL, 60601. Arrangements are by Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Road, Route 6 Mattapoisett. For online condolence book, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

Albert E. "Butchie" Hartford, of Mattapoisett, formerly of Randolph, passed away unexpectedly on August 18, 2020,



at the age of 63. Born in Boston, Butchie grew up in Randolph and graduated from Randolph High School. He was a handyman who turned his passion into his career as a contractor working in the construction industry in various roles for many years.

Butch was a "Gentle Giant", world traveler and avid car collector. He was as strong and calm as the ocean. He had many passions in life including sailing, painting and drawing, fishing, going to the movies and or just being content sitting at the beach. No matter where he was, he made the most out of every situation. No matter where you were, somehow, someone always knew of him. He had an energy that made you feel relaxed and that everything would be OK, no matter what. He was always willing to help anyone in need. Butch was a mindful, stoic, modest man who just appreciated everything about life. A devoted father, friend, uncle, brother and mentor, Butchie will be greatly missed by all who were blessed to have known him. Butchie was the loving father of Courtney Hartford, Shannon Hartford and Megan Hartford all of Mattapoisett. Devoted brother of Donna McMahon of Middleboro, Diane Brady of Weymouth and the late Jimmy Hartford. Son of the late Albert and Estelle (Jule) Hartford. Former husband to Clare (Murphy) Hartford. Also survived by many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. A private Celebration of Butch's life will be held on Wednesday, August 25th amongst friends and family. Arrangements under the care of the Cartwright Funeral Home, 419 No. Main St., Randolph. To leave a message for the family, visit www.cartwrightfuneral.com.

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Coastline Elderly Nutrition Program

Monday, **August 31**: Sausage with peppers and onions, pasta alfredo, sub roll, peaches

Tuesday, **September 1**: Mac n' cheese, tomato Florentine, brussels sprouts, fruit loaf, Mandarin oranges

Wednesday, **September 2**: BBQ chicken, German potato salad, cabbage and carrots, whole wheat roll, mixed fruit

Thursday, **September 3**: Hot dog, mustard, relish, baked beans, broccoli, hot dog roll, banana

Friday, **September 4**: Fish sandwich, tartar sauce, roasted potatoes, garlic green beans, hamburger roll, pineapple

Academic Achievements

Roger Williams University is proud to announce that Megan Feeney, of Mattapoisett, graduated with a B.S. in Forensic Science in May as part of the Class of 2020.

Rochester Lions Club Dinners To Go

The Rochester Lions Club is offering Dinner to Go through **November 12**. Meals are available in single or family-sized servings and are hot and ready to serve upon pickup. Meals can be picked up in the parking lot of the Rochester Library, 17 Constitution Way between 4:30 to 6:00 pm on the dates indicated below. Orders must be pre-paid and placed before the deadline. Please call or email the following with any questions and/or to place your order: Lorraine Guy 508-728-7767; Cyd Ryle 508-207-3971, lioncyd@comcast.net; Cheryl Costeira 774-263-5706, lioncheryl62@gmail.com

Individual meals are \$12 and family-sized meals are \$40 (feeds four)

September 10 – Meatloaf and gravy served with baked potato and green beans; Order deadline is September 4.

September 22 – BBQ Chicken dinner (1/2 chicken each) served two sides (individual) or four sides (family) Available sides: Potato salad, macaroni salad, baked beans, garden salad; Order deadline is September 16.

October 8 – Stuffed peppers, garden salad, and



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garlic bread; Order deadline is October 2.

October 20 – Chicken Pot Pie, mashed potatoes with gravy and cranberry sauce; order deadline is October 14.

November 12 – Spaghetti with meatballs, garden salad, and garlic bread; order deadline is November 6.

All meals are prepared in a certified commercial kitchen by Servsafe-certified staff.

Town of Marion Hires Lori Desmarais As Public Health Nurse

Town Administrator James McGrail, the Marion Board of Health, and Council on Aging Director Karen



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TriTOWN HAPPENINGS



Oliver Zuther found a seahorse on Point Connett while he was exploring. He kept it in a bucket for an hour or so while other children and adults had a peek. With the help of another Point Connett buddy named CJ, the seahorse was safely released back into the water later in the afternoon. Photo courtesy Martha Zuther



Ellie Higgins shared this photo of sunset at Mattapoissett Neck



Foundation work has been moving along at Marion's Bicentennial Park in preparation for the installation of the Elizabeth Taber memorial statue. Photo by Marilou Newell



Members of the Mattapoissett Democratic committee expressed their views at the corners of Route 6 and North Street on Saturday, August 22. Photo by Marilou Newell

These photos and more are available online at www.wanderer.com

Gregory are pleased to announce the hiring of Lori Desmarais to the position of public health nurse as well as the relocation of the office of the public health nurse to the Benjamin D. Cushing Community Center.

Desmarais has over 25 years of experience as a registered nurse, including as a medical-surgical nurse and private duty/home care nurse, as well as experience in staff education, infection control, and public health.

Desmarais has worked as the public health nurse at the Town of Dighton since June 2019, the Town of Lakeville since April 2018 and the Town of Freetown since December 2014. In these positions she coordinates communicable disease investigations, case management, immunization clinics, collaborative wellness programs with community groups and more. She has also performed COVID-19 case investigations and contact tracing in her service areas. Desmarais will serve in a similar capacity in her new position administering the public health program for the Town of Marion.

Desmarais holds a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Massachusetts Amherst and is a licensed registered nurse. She is a licensed emergency medical technician and has served as a call firefighter for the Freetown Fire Department since March 2019.

"We are very pleased to welcome Lori to the town and look forward to seeing the knowledge, skills, and abilities she will bring to the public health nurse position," Town Administrator McGrail said.

The office of the public health nurse will also be relocated from Marion Town House to the Benjamin D. Cushing Community Center, 465 Mill St. Desmarais will be located in the Community Center when she begins in her new role on Tuesday, September 8.

The public health nurse provides a variety of services to Marion's senior population. As the Council on Aging is currently located at the Community Center, the new office location will be more convenient for seniors and will enhance the level of service already provided by the public health nurse.

"We are excited for the opportunity that the office transition will offer for the continued collaboration between the Board of Health, public health nurse, and the Council on Aging," Director Gregory said.

Tabor Receives National Recognition from Special Olympics

Special Olympics Massachusetts has announced that Tabor Academy, a Special Olympics Unified Champion School, is receiving national banner recognition for its efforts to provide inclusive sports and activities for students with and without disabilities. A Special Olympics Unified Champion School has an inclusive school climate and exudes a sense of collaboration, engagement, and respect for all members of the student body and staff. A Unified Champion School receiving national banner recognition is one that

has demonstrated commitment to inclusion by meeting 10 national standards of excellence. These standards were developed by a national panel of leaders from the Special Olympics and the education community. Tabor is receiving this honor as a result of meeting these standards of excellence in the areas of inclusion, advocacy and respect.



During the school year of 2019-20, Tabor showed impressive determination and helped Special Olympics Massachusetts move towards their collective goal of creating a truly 'Unified Generation' of young people who embrace differences and lead social change. The students, coaches, volunteers, teachers, staff, and administration at Tabor all played key roles in creating a social climate where everyone feels included and respected for who they are. Tabor is redefining the future as we make our community more inclusive of people with intellectual disabilities, and in doing so, making the world a more accepting place for all. Patti Doherty, Special Olympics Massachusetts' Vice President of School and Community Development, states, "We are honored to have such a strong and fully inclusive school be recognized for the hard work and determination you have demonstrated to grow your program to the outstanding one it is today, and we look forward to new heights you all will reach tomorrow and years to come!"

Tabor is one of only fifteen schools in Massachusetts and among 155 schools nationwide to achieve this status for the 2019-20 school year. Special Olympics Massachusetts has a selective list of 41 high schools that have now reached this impressive level. Tabor will be presented with a banner to hang in our school and be included on a list of other schools around the country who have achieved this distinguished status. Congratulations, Seawolves, for reaching this distinction!

SLT Hosting Grab 'n Go Oyster 'n More Fest

Sippican Lands Trust (SLT) is hosting a "Grab 'n Go Oyster 'n More Fest" as its annual fundraiser on Saturday, **September 19** from 3:00 to 5:00 pm at the Benjamin D. Cushing Center, 465 Mill Street, Marion.

Tickets are now available for purchase at www.sippicanlandstrust.org with this year's event featuring local oysters and shrimp from Snug Harbor Fish Company and Bryant Brothers Shellfish Company, lobster rolls, hamburgers, and hot dogs from Oxford Creamery, clam chowder from Harriet's Catering, and cookies from



MOVIE REVIEW

More Brains

By Rob Gonsalves
www.robsmovievault.com

The Return of the Living Dead (1985). Starring Clu Gulager and James Karen. Directed by Dan O'Bannon. Running time: 90 minutes. MPAA rating: R. Available for free streaming on Tubi and Hoopla.

It doesn't feel right, somehow, for a punk, gory, young and snarky thing like *The Return of the Living Dead* to be 35 years old. But here we are (it was released August 16, 1985). Though writer-director Dan O'Bannon was a busy screenwriter in the '70s and '80s (*Alien*, *Total Recall*) and directed one other film (1991's *The Resurrected*), *Return* feels like a one-off, almost the *Never Mind the Bollocks* of '80s horror — fast, furious, and farcical. It's a mammoth amount of fun, with a sharp trashy punk/new wave soundtrack and a trio of perfect performances by middle-aged actors in the midst of posturing, attitudinizing youth. It's the three older guys, I think, who make *Return* not just great crappy fun but just plain great.

To give you an example of the level of acting craft: there's a scene between Clu Gulager, as the owner of a warehouse, and Don Calfa, who runs the mortuary across the way, and I would put it up against any scene anywhere. Gulager wants to use Calfa's crematorium. Why? Well, because he has several garbage bags full of writhing undead human body parts, and he needs to incinerate them. Calfa takes one look at the bags and says, what the hell? Gulager says, "...Rabid weasels." The exchange gets weirder and weirder, and Gulager and Calfa effortlessly find the hilarious reality in it, and I'm serious, acting gets no finer than this. And this in what's designed to be a throwaway zombie flick for bored '80s teens. Which it also is, but brilliantly.

Return was O'Bannon's firecracker rewrite of a script by *Night of the Living Dead*'s Russell Streiner and John Russo, who'd envisioned it as a serious sequel to that George Romero classic. O'Bannon made it more of a riff; *Night* is referenced but not named, as a movie that was loosely based on events in *Return*'s universe. Tanks of toxic gunk sit in the basement of Gulager's warehouse, operated by James Karen, the third middle-aged guy, who accidentally punctures one of the tanks when showing the ropes to new hire Thom Matthews. Karen, one of the



great That Guy character actors, expertly sets the film's irreverent tone. He's every older guy who showed you around on your summer job, coming off as a know-it-all but actually just as dumb as anyone. Truly punk, *Return of the Living Dead* has little respect for humans as a self-preserving species.

The body parts go up in flames; the smoke commingles with gathering storm clouds, and re-animating rain falls on the nearby cemetery. A small group of punks hang out there, waiting for their friend Matthews. The burning rain falls on them too, and soon re-awakened corpses are chasing them all over, craving their brains. Punks in 1985? Well, the movie is set in Kentucky; maybe they're Kentucky punks who took a while to get the memo. (The post-punk delight *Repo Man* had opened a year and a half earlier, and yet the two movies seem a natural double feature.) Strangely, the girls (Linnea Quigley, Jewel Shepard, Beverly Randolph) come across more vividly than do the young guys, who all seem temperamentally interchangeable except maybe Suicide (Mark Venturini), who gets a tombstone-grandstanding speech ("Nobody understands me, you know that?") that links him with the whiny crime-doing punks in *Repo Man*.

I have affection and respect for all of George Romero's zombie films, but *Return of the Living Dead* occupies a particularly fond piece of my heart. It's edited (by Robert Gordon, beautifully) for comedic timing, not horror, and mostly acted that way, too. By the time we get to Colonel Glover (Jonathan Terry), who authorizes the ultimate solution in a Lynch-like deadpan over the phone ("I see. And what did you do then? ... And what did they do?"), we can add Bob Newhart to the list of influences on this sarcastic, winking apocalyptic cartoon that proves the utility of paramedics once and for all. 1985 was a great year for party movies. *Return of the Living Dead* goes that one better, asking you if you wanna party, and then giving it to you. It is, after all, party time.

Flour Girls. SLT is also launching an online auction as part of this year's Grab 'n Go Oyster 'n More Fest to support the work of the Sippican Lands Trust. SLT's online auction features some amazing items including homemade baked goods, a personal guided walk of an SLT property, and a personal tour of the Stone Estate at Great Hill in Marion.

Ticket prices are \$50 (food package for one person) and \$100 (food package for two people). Tickets for this year's Grab 'n Go Oyster 'n More Fest can be purchased online at www.sippicanlandstrust.org. Tickets must be purchased in advance by Wednesday, September 16 at noon to reserve your Grab 'n Go Oyster 'n More Fest food package. The event will be held rain or shine.

For more information, purchase tickets, or visit our online auction go to www.sippicanlandstrust.org or call Sippican Lands Trust at 508-748-3080.

Hope to see you at this year's Grab 'n Go Oyster 'n More Fest on Saturday, September 19 from 3:00 to 5:00 pm at the Benjamin D. Cushing Community Center in Marion!

St. Philip's Episcopal Church

St. Philip's Episcopal Church, next to the Town Beach in Mattapoisett, will have 8:00 am services **August 30** with the Rev. Marc Eames, Rector, The Church of the Advent, Medfield, MA. Masks are required and all other safety precautions will be in place at the church. All are welcome.

Forest Bathing with the MNHM

Does anyone else need to relieve some stress? On Saturday **September 26** you are invited to explore the many benefits of "bathing" in the forest. Inspired by the Japanese practice of Shinrin Yoku, Forest Bathing has been scientifically proven to boost immune strength, reduce stress, and improve cognitive functioning. But beyond these physiological changes, Forest Bathing also offers us the opportunity to deepen our relationship with the natural world. By slowing down and carefully observing with all our senses, we may begin to notice incredible things that may have eluded us for our whole lives. In escaping the rapid pace of our daily routines, we may find unparalleled beauty in the moment and in doing so, relax into the beauty all around us.

On our walk, a certified guide will offer a series of guided invitations to assist you in finding your own authentic way of interacting with the land. There's no right or wrong way to do it; just come and be yourself. It's all welcome in the forest.

The walk will still be on if it's raining unless it is a genuine storm or very windy. If it is raining it's important to be properly prepared, so please dress appropriately. Rain often enhances sensory experience and makes for some of our most memorable walks.

Please note that space in this program is limited to ten adults, and pre-registration is required. We will be



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Our Guide, Nadine Mazzola, is an award-winning author and Certified Forest Therapy Guide. Nadine's training includes special knowledge in guiding people of all ages in Shinrin-Yoku, "Forest Bathing", walks and the demonstrating the benefits of spending time in the nature as a wellness practice and an effective way to manage stress.

To register for this program please contact the Museum Director at Director@marionmuseum.org. Partial funding for this program was provided courtesy of the Marion Cultural Council. The program is Saturday,

2020 Taste of Mattapoisett

The Mattapoisett Woman's Club is holding the "Taste of Mattapoisett" differently this year. We are featuring one of our restaurants each week

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**Go to Mattapoisettwomensclub.org
for menus and more info**

TRI-TOWN POLICE LOGS



MARION

Log highlights Aug 16-Aug 22

- Wareham Rd – Health/welfare
- South St – Health/welfare
- Converse Rd – Emergency services
- Front St – Suspicious MV/arrest
- Wareham Rd - Fraud
- Green St – Lost property
- Bell Guzzle Ln – Larceny/past
- Dexter Rd – EMS/medical
- Beach St – Health/welfare
- Benson Brook Rd – MV collision
- Delano Rd – Animal control
- Wareham Rd – MV collision
- Joanne Dr – EMS/medical
- Holmes St – EMS/medical
- County Rd – Health/welfare
- Island Wharf Rd – Waterways
- Front St – Suspicious MV
- Field Stone Ln – Paper service
- Mill St – Officer wanted
- Water St – Parking enforcement
- Main St – Civil complaint
- Spring St - Fraud
- Landing Road – Waterways complaint
- Delano Rd – EMS/medical
- Mill St – MV collision
- Point Rd – Road hazard
- Front St – MV collision
- Wareham Rd – Vandalism/past
- South St – Noise complaint

MATTAPOISETT

Log highlights Aug 16-Aug 22

- Prospect Rd - Disturbance
- Mahoney's Ln – Ambulance request
- Bowman Rd – Unwanted person
- County Rd – Officer wanted
- Prospect Rd – Animal control
- Fairhaven Rd – Medical/assist
- Wendell St – Unattended death
- Highland Ave PC – Property lost
- Hemlock Ln – Suspicious MV
- Park St – Health/welfare
- Acushnet Rd – Property found
- I195 East – 911 call
- County Rd – Assault/past
- North St – MV lockout
- Hammond St – Restraining order
- Church St – Stop sign enforcement
- Hillside Ave – MV lockout
- Industrial Dr – MV crash
- County Rd – MV crash
- County Rd – MV crash
- North St – Assist citizen
- Brandt Island Rd - Disturbance
- Acushnet Rd – Unwanted person
- Gosnold St – Health/welfare
- Nashawena Rd - Vandalism
- Neds Point Rd – Larceny/forgery
- Melissa Anne Ln - Complaint
- Aucoot Rd - Disturbance
- Melissa Anne Ln - Disturbance

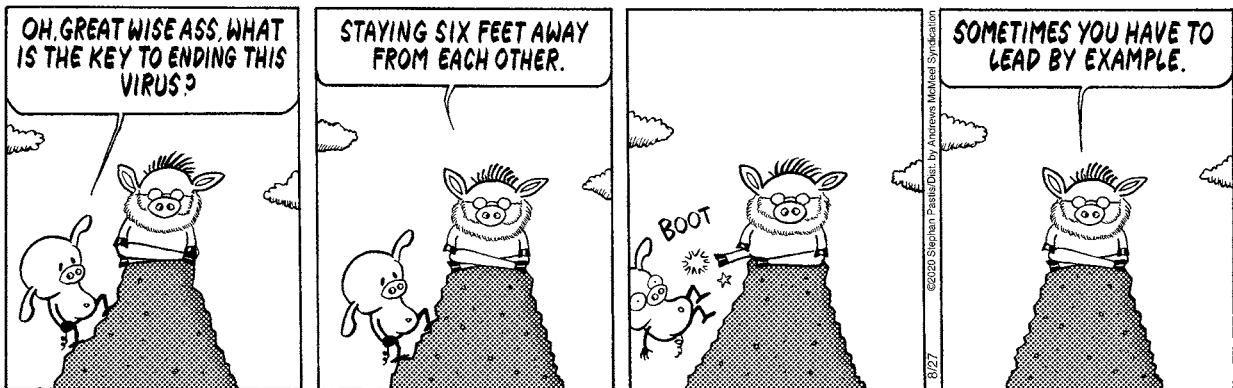
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Log highlights Aug 16-Aug 22

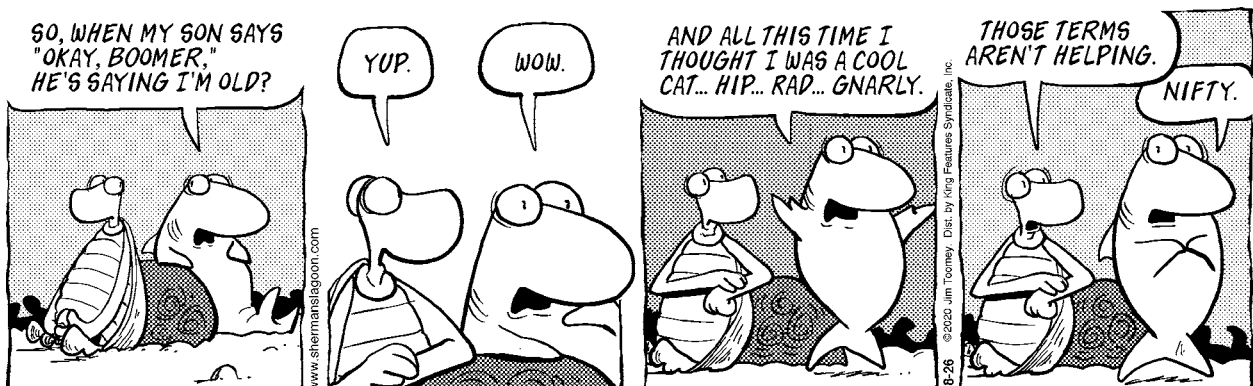
- New Bedford Rd – Suspicious activity
- Mayflower Ln – Noise complaint
- Constitution Way – MV lockout
- Hartley Rd – Animal control
- Benjamin Dr - Medical
- Dexter Ln - Fraud
- Neck Rd – 911 call
- Hiller Rd – 911 call
- Kings Hwy – Suspicious activity
- North Ave – 911 call
- Benson Rd – Animal control
- Rounseville Rd – MV collision
- New Bedford Rd – 911 call
- Stevens Rd - Harassment
- Herring Brook Ln - Fraud
- Sarah Sherman Rd – 911 call
- Mendell Rd – 911 call
- Alley Rd - Investigation
- Hiller Rd – Suspicious activity
- Walnut Plain Rd - Fraud
- Mattapoisett Rd – MV erratic
- North Ave – Suspicious activity
- Mayflower Ln – Suspicious activity
- North Ave - Medical
- Pine St - Disturbance
- Burgess Ave – Animal control
- Featherbed Ln - Medical
- Hartley Rd – MV collision
- Marion Rd – MV collision

For a full PDF of the three towns' police logs from the past week, including arrest reports, visit www.Wanderer.com.

PEARLS BEFORE SWINE by Stephan Pastis



SHERMAN'S LAGOON by J.P. Toomey



September 26 from 9:00 am to noon, and the cost is \$30 per participant.

Tri-Town and Beyond Community Read Midpoint Check-in Conversation

On August 1, educators and local leaders in the Tri-Town and beyond kicked off a Community Reads focused on social justice. The goal of The Read is to collaboratively learn about the ways that racism plays out in society at large, as well as in the towns where we live. In addition, the hope is that through listening and learning from People of Color about lived experiences of racism, all of us will take steps to create a more equitable society—so that people of all races will be able to fulfill their potential—for the benefit of society as a whole.

Now, at the halfway point in the readings, we invite everyone to share their thoughts and questions about the books we've been reading, *How to be an Antiracist* by Ibram X. Kendi, and *Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You* by Jason Reynolds and Ibram X. Kendi.


Do you have questions or observations you want to explore? Then join us for this free online event to hear what others are thinking and learning. Let's keep this conversation going! Feel free to join us even if you have not completed the readings or if you just want to listen in and learn!

Community Read Co-sponsors are: Mattapoisett Museum, Mattapoisett Free Public Library, the Tritown Against Racism Facebook group, YWCA Southeastern Massachusetts, the Elizabeth Taber Library, and The Joseph H. Plumb Memorial Library. Everyone is invited to participate.

This event is free and will be held on Zoom but please RSVP via Eventbrite to get the link for the online conversation: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/tri-town-and-beyond-community-reads-midpoint-check-in-conversation-tickets-117584180449>

This event will also be simulcast on ORCTV.

For questions or more information please contact Stacie Charbonneau Hess at (508) 524-5773 or via email Stacie.CharbonneauHess@bristolcc.edu



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25 Commits in confidence
26 Mon. follower
27 With 75-Down, light-colored pub drinks
28 Sticky sealer
30 Very mad
31 Create the wax figure of the Police's frontman?
38 "— be an honor"
39 Diner dispenser
40 Glass plate
41 Cause of a stuffy nose
46 Speed at which a Roman emperor walks?

- 53 Diner dispenser
54 Bucolic
57 Many '90s music sales
58 Auditoriums
59 Mailed item containing a bill from a nail salon?
63 Replies to irritably
65 Imprint
66 On the safe side, at sea
67 — B'rith
69 Skywalker's mentor
70 Attach a certain package covering to a corkboard?
75 Chorus voice
78 A.J. of auto racing
79 "Psst" cousin
80 Navigate
84 In a lax way
86 Taking a long time to grow, just like some velvety plants do?
89 Born earlier
90 Sci-fi craft
92 Daisy's kin
93 — Palmas

- 94 Wound protector that causes sorrow?
98 Hot pepper variety
101 Folk tales
102 MPG org.
105 Suffix with salt
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116 Related to the kidneys
117 GI tour gp.
118 Tyke, in Baja
119 Sis, e.g.
121 Restricted-access computer linkup
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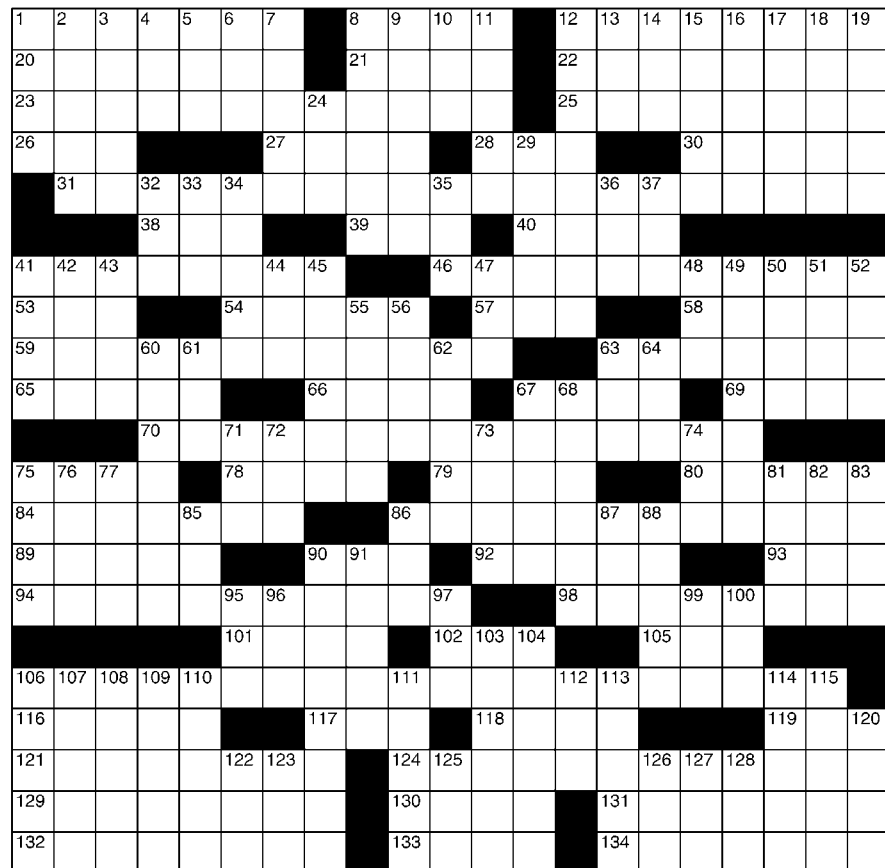
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12 Highway bridge
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14 Trauma-trained pro
15 Singer Day
16 Rains heavily
17 Verdi's "very"
18 Reach
19 Ruhr city
24 Bill the — (comics character)
29 All fired up
32 Billy the — (outlaw)
33 & so forth
34 Gussy up
35 SUV biggie
36 Gene stuff
37 Always
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44 Sweetums

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47 Hotshot
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91 Feudal lords' estates
95 Kay-em link
96 Lawn turf
97 "Golly!"
99 "Life of Pi" director Lee
100 Teachers' gp.
103 Larder
104 Farewells, in French
106 Linda in 1998 news
107 Actor Fonda
108 Step into
109 Dancer's handrail
110 Actor Delon
111 Riatas, e.g.
112 Kin of Ltd.
113 Film director Christopher
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115 Claims on homes, say
120 Writer Harte
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127 — glance
128 NSF part



SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A relaxed mood early in the week could give way to high-temperature disputes. The Aries Lamb should resist being pulled into heated quarrels that could really singe your wool.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Satisfy that practical obligation first, then you can feel free to indulge in your creative endeavors. Also, check for hidden or overlooked areas where repairs might be long overdue.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Home is still the Twins' major focus this week. But outside matters begin to take on added importance, especially those involving possible career moves. Stay alert for signs of change.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A travel plan might need to undergo some considerable adjustment because of unexpected changes. Keep an open mind and let the facts guide you on how you want to handle this.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Playing cat and mouse with a matter you don't really want to tackle wastes time, energy and, most important, an opportunity. Ask someone with experience to help you get started.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A shift in policy might not please you, but before you put up a "no go" wall of resistance, examine the circumstances. You might be quite pleasantly surprised by what you find.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Yesterday's critiques about your methods might have already evolved into today's praise for your achievements. Good for you. Now go on and continue to build on your credibility.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) An occasional temperamental flare-up might occur as you continue to help get things back to normal. Stay with it. You should soon get some idea of where to take things next.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A negative reaction to what you believe was a well-deserved request might mean that you need to reconsider your position and make changes accordingly.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) There's always room for someone new at the Sea Goat's table. And the someone new this week could bring a message you've been waiting a long time to hear.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A pile-on of personal matters this week might seem too overwhelming to deal with. But handling them on a one-by-one basis could have you out from under it by the weekend.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A friend might need your good advice regarding a matter. Be supportive. But unless you can be absolutely sure you have all the facts, be careful about any suggestions you might be asked to offer.

BORN THIS WEEK: Few things make you happier than bringing people together and helping to forge new friendships.

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Summer Reading Kits a Success at Mattapoisett Library

As part of our annual reading program for children we adapted to the times and made weekly reading kits to pick up at the library – and it was a huge success! Over 115 children registered for our program and we handed out over 500 kits. Each kit contained a craft activity, STEM challenge, a weekly newsletter with suggested books, information, and things to do. They also received gifts and a necklace with beads to celebrate their reading success.

In addition, our library was chosen as the recipient for a Boston Bruins signed team jersey and we raffled off to the children who participated. Our winner, Finn Poulos was very happy to be the winner of our raffle.

We'd like to thank all who were involved in making this year's summer reading program a success. First of all, thank you to all the families and children who participated in our summer reading program. Thank you to the staff of Mattapoisett Free Public Library for all their hard work with special thanks to Miss Chris, Mrs. Dawson, Miss Haugen, and Mrs. Hundnall-Ripley in the children's room, we couldn't have done it without your amazing help. A big thank you to Benares Angeley from the Art Lab for her wonderful crafts. Thank you to the New England Boston Bruins for providing us with our raffle prize. Finally, we'd like to thank all of our organizations whose funding made this possible including the Friends of the Mattapoisett Free Public Library, federal funds from the Institute of Museum and Libraries Services and administered by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commission, and finally the Ann and Richard J. Prouty Foundation, Bank of America, N.A., Co-Trustee -- without your support we couldn't have made this happen.

We have more kits coming with monthly STEAM kits and craft kits. For more information on that and upcoming children's programs, please visit our website at www.mattapoisettlibrary.org/childrens.

From the Files of the Rochester Historical Society

By Connie Eshbach

Both the month of August and the year 2020 have significance for women across America. The fight for a woman's right to vote ended in 1920 when women finally won suffrage. I'm sure it was a victory cheered by many women in Rochester. When you read through town history, there are many stories of strong women who faced and fought through adversity.

Mary (Smith) Haskell followed her husband, Mark "Witchcraft" Haskell to Rochester five years after he left Salem to settle there. Over those years, he had built a home and a farm and become Town Clerk. Mary brought with her their six children. They were Mary, whose wedding was the first to be recorded in Rochester

township, Roger, Joanna, Mark Jr., John, who were all in their teens, and Joseph who was six years old. Once in Rochester, Mary saw her house burn down, and two years later, the death of her husband at the age of 49. She managed to carry on, making some money by sweeping out the meetinghouse once a week. Her children married and several built homes near their mother. John, the next to the youngest, married and built a house on the shores of Mary's Pond on land said to have been bought for him by his mother.

Another widow who persevered after the death of her husband at the age of 46, was Bethiah Church. Her husband, Lemuel, one of a long line of Rochester Churches, had opened their house, built on the east side of the Mattapoisett River, as an inn for "the accommodation of the traveling public". In the mid-



1700s that public consisted of horsemen and footmen, as no wheeled vehicles were in use in this part of the country. Bethiah, who was married to Lemuel for 22 years was known as a woman of unusual energy. After her husband's death, she continued to run the inn or public house and to raise her nine

children. She outlived her husband by 60 years and died in 1832 at the age of 100.

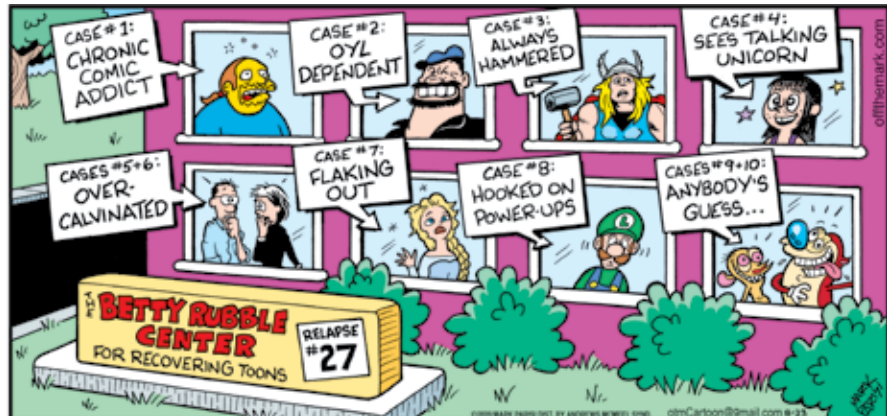
Not every Rochester woman who had to single-handedly keep home and family together did so as a widow. In the 1840s, Julianne Smellie was alone with her children while her husband, James, traveled west for the California Gold Rush. During his absence, she became very sick and was bedridden for weeks until a painful operation was performed. After that, the couple's youngest child, Lizzy, became sick and died at the age of 14 months and 24 days. Julianne, who later died in 1855 when she was struck by lightning, wrote in an 1849 letter sent to her husband in California and recounting her these events, "I often think that if you was at home you could bear a part of the afflictions with me".

Then there was Bessie Hulsman who came from Nova Scotia to Rochester with her husband, Oscar, in 1900. They settled on 60 acres of land along Walnut Plain Road and started a farm. Over time, three daughters were born. In 1930, Oscar decided to walk across the country to California and back, which he did leaving Bessie to tend to farm and family. When he returned in 1931, he said he had taken his trip, "just to have an adventure".

Lastly, we have Annie Louisa Snell who at the age of 18 married James Hartley in 1885. Together, they had a farm and sawmill and 15 children, 13 of whom survived



Tundra
by Chad Carpenter



Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



infancy. James died in 1918 at the age of 56. Annie, in later years known to many in Rochester as "Grandma Hartley" outlived her husband by 43 years. With the help of her older children, she raised the younger ones and continued the family sawmill company. She was active in the Grange and the First Congregational Church into her 90s. She was honored at the Grange after her 90th birthday. She died at the age of 95 leaving 450 or more descendants.

Rochester Senior Center

The Rochester Senior Center would like to remind people about the COVID restrictions and guidelines in place; there is a maximum capacity of 15 people permitted in the large room at the Senior Center. This includes staff and participants. This limit is in adherence to the MA Department of Public Health guidelines for reducing capacity indoors. Meetings and activities held outside can accommodate more people, weather permitting. Face coverings are required and six feet of social distancing from non-household members apply. Everyone attending activities held at the Senior Center will be asked to sign a COA Waiver of Liability Agreement. Waivers are available at the front desk and will be kept on file. You do not have to fill out a waiver each time you visit.

Stepping and Stretching with Larry is returning to the Rochester Senior Center beginning Thursday, **September 3**. The class will be held on Mondays and Thursdays from 9:30 to 10:30 am. This class will held outside, weather permitting. The number of participants will be limited if it moves indoors due to weather.

The Rochester COA Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, **September 2** at 9:00 am. This meeting is held in-person, outdoors, and via webinar. Immediately following is the Friends of the Rochester Senior Center meeting at 10:00 am. This meeting will also be held outdoors. These meetings will be moved indoors if the weather is inclement, but will be reduced in size due to the maximum capacity of 15 people in the large room.

The Greater Boston Food Bank distribution is scheduled for Wednesday, **September 9** from 12:00 to 2:00 pm. Participants of this program can pick up their food in person at the Senior Center. To receive food from this program, you must apply and be approved prior to the distribution day. Please call the Senior Center

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Due to the lack of rain and very dry conditions along with high temperatures the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners are requesting **voluntary out side water use restrictions**.

We are asking that all outside watering be done between the hours of 6:00 am to 8:00 am and 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm.

We are requesting an odd/even outside watering schedule.

If your house or business address is an even number then you would do out side watering on even number days. If your house or business address is an odd number then you would do outside watering on odd number days.

Phase I – A voluntary restriction limits watering to an even/odd basis as follows:



Odd numbered properties can water on odd numbered days.



Even numbered properties can water on even numbered days.



Anyone can water on the 31st.

***Even numbered addresses are restricted to allow lawn watering
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If you have any questions please contact us at 508-758-4161 or
Email us at county@mattapoissett.net

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for an application. Please let the staff know if you need assistance completing the application. Also, food items must be picked up by the person participating in the program unless other arrangements have been made in advance.

There are still a few slots remaining for the tax work-off program for Rochester Seniors. Please contact the Senior Center to participate in the program.

The Rochester Senior would like to thank all of the program participants for following the COVID restrictions and guidelines in place to keep everyone safe and healthy. The programs have operated successfully thus far, and the Senior Center, Board members, and staff look forward to adding more programs in a similar manner. The Senior Center recently purchased a restaurant style propane heater so that outdoor programs can continue into the fall.

"Bach" to the Concert Hall

After a long break, the New Bedford Symphony Orchestra is excited to come back and play together! The NBSO opens its 2020-2021 season on **September 12** with a virtual concert recorded on stage at the Zeiterion Performing Arts Center and presented through a password-protected webpage. Tickets are \$10 per household and can be purchased at Zeiterion.org.

Featuring 24 string and percussion musicians of the orchestra, the program opens with a reflective piece by George Walker, the first African American composer to win the Pulitzer Prize for Music. The piece, originally called Lament, was dedicated to the composer's grandmother who had been a slave. Next, Music Director Yaniv Dinur takes both roles as pianist and conductor in Bach's First Keyboard Concerto, followed by NBSO concertmaster Jesse Holstein who performs "Winter" and "Spring" from Piazzolla's Four Seasons of Buenos Aires. The program closes with Shchedrin's Carmen Suite, a reimagining of some of the most popular and beautiful arias from Bizet's opera Carmen.

The virtual performance will be broadcast on Saturday, September 12, at 7:30 pm. The concert will last approximately 60 minutes, with no intermission. A digital program book will be made available to view before the concert airs. Subscribers who purchased regular concert tickets for September 12 will be contacted about converting tickets to virtual concert access.

Photo Contest

Time is running out to enter the Photo Contest sponsored by The Rochester Land Trust/Rochester Historical Society. **September 7** is the deadline for entries. Anyone and/or any town can enter, but the photo must be taken in Rochester. Contest rules: The subject must be sites and scenery in Rochester; no people in photo; both black and white or color are acceptable; Age categories are: Youth = 16 and under / Adult = 17 and up; One

entry per person; give location of photo, your name, address, phone number, age category; any photo not following the rules will be disqualified. Email entry to rochesterphotocontest@gmail.com. Board members of the Historical Society and Land Trust will be judging and monetary prizes will be awarded to top three photos. Winners will be announced on the Rochester Historical Society and Rochester Land Trust Facebook pages.

Town of Marion: Online Building Permits Available

Building Commissioner Scott Shippey is pleased to announce that Marion residents are now able to obtain building permit applications online.

Residents can now complete building permit applications online by visiting the Building Department website at marionma.gov and clicking the "Online Permitting" tab in the left menu. A kiosk is also available for residents to complete building permit applications electronically at the Town House.

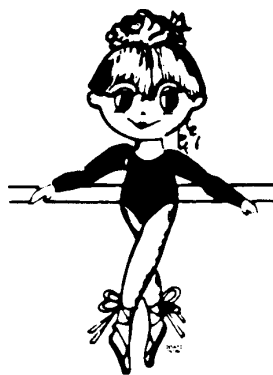
The Town's permitting software is user-friendly, accepts electronic payments, and available 24 hours.

All homeowners who have not hired a contractor for a building project may choose to utilize this service by creating a personal account. A contractor can also complete the application online on the resident's behalf. All types of building permits are available to apply online. Supporting documents can be uploaded and

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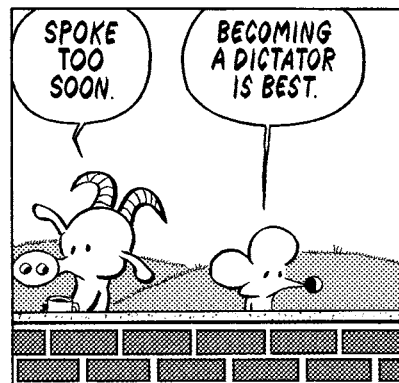
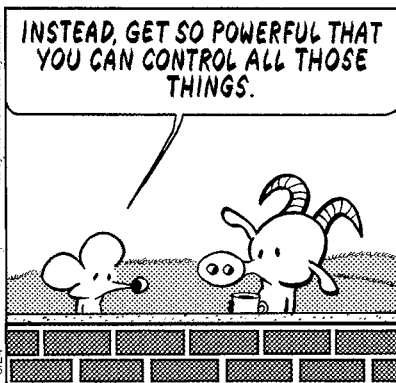
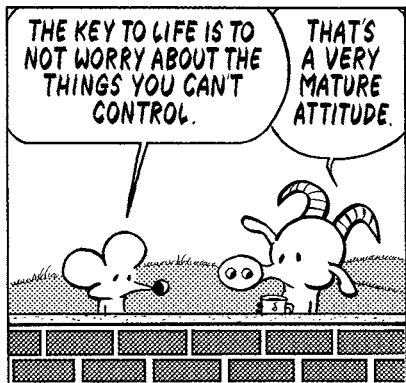
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<p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT FEDERAL CONSISTENCY REVIEW NOTICE The Massachusetts Office of Coastal Zone Management (CZM) is reviewing the proposal(s) listed below for consistency with its enforceable program policies. Project proponents have filed a statement and accompanying information with the CZM Office certifying that their proposal is consistent with these policies. This information is available for public inspection. Written comments may be submitted to the CZM Office within twenty-one days of the publication date of this Notice, or as otherwise noted below. Send email copies of your comments to Robert.Boeri@mass.gov.</p> <p>Anyone having technical questions regarding a particular project should contact the reviewer listed at the end of each notice below. Anyone having questions regarding the public comment process, or having comments on any project listed below should contact: Robert L. Boeri, Project Review Coordinator Massachusetts Office of Coastal Zone Management 251 Causeway Street, Suite 800 Boston, MA 02114</p> <p>Blue Stream Shellfish, LLC is proposing to permit and operate a 50-acre site at the convergence of Nasketucket and Buzzards Bay in the town of Mattapoisett for the purpose of farming shellfish and macroalgae. Contact Dave Janik at David.janik@mass.gov. 8/27</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, September 9, 2020 at 7:20 pm at the MARION MUSIC HALL, 164 Front Street, on a Notice of Intent (File No. SE 041-xxxx) submitted by Kittansett Club, for the expansion of existing overflow parking area currently located on the southern portion of the Kittansett Club property at 11 Point Road.</p> <p>The site is further identified as Lots 8B & 32 on Marion Assessors' Map 1. Plans are available at the Town House for review. Shaun P. Walsh – Chair ** This meeting will also be available via Zoom. To request the Zoom link please contact Donna Hemphill at 508-748-3515 or dhemphill@marion-ma.gov. 8/27</p>	<p>TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, September 9, 2020 at 8:00 pm at the MARION MUSIC HALL at 164 Front Street, on a Request for Determination of Applicability (File # 41D-1765) submitted by Eric P. Winer, to enlarge an existing guest house and connect to rear of the garage at 18 West Avenue.</p> <p>The site is further identified as Lot 5 on Marion Assessors' Map 3. Plans are available at the Town House for review. Shaun Walsh, Chair ** This meeting will also be available via Zoom. To request the Zoom link please contact Donna Hemphill at 508-748-3515 or dhemphill@marion-ma.gov. 8/27</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Place your classified ads 24 hours a day 7 days a week on-line at www.wanderer.com</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">YARD SALE Sat 8/29 & Sun 8/30 9am-3pm, NO earlybirds 171 North St, Mattapoisett Tools, housewares, furniture, large selection of high quality woman's clothing, accessories & jewelry. Masks required and practice social distancing</p> <hr/> <p>Year round rental at Harbor Beach, Mattapoisett. A quite private community. Two bedroom, 1 bath & W/D. Access to two beaches and a boat ramp. \$1,200.00 mo. + utilities. Call (781)535-8578.</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">YOUR HANDYMAN Clean outs, dump runs, demolition, tree removal, pressure washing & more. Insured 508-676-3545</p>	<p>afternoon and weekend appointments now available safe, clean, local. 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attached as needed.

Residents who wish to continue to submit paper permit applications will still be able to do so.

"We are excited to bring this new feature and make it easier for residents to complete their building permits online and support a greener, paper-free option," Town Administrator Jay McGrail said. "We also think this is a good time to launch online permitting and urge residents to file permits electronically to keep business going while minimizing social contact during the coronavirus pandemic."

Anyone who has questions about the online permitting process can call the Building Department at 508-748-7516.

Little Library at Matt Congo Church

The new Little Library at Matt Congo Church has been a huge success. We now find we are running low on children's books. Please search your bookshelves and see if you have any age appropriate books you would be willing to donate. We need books for children of all ages but particularly books for young teens. Please contact the church office at mattcongchurch@gmail.com to schedule a drop-off time and location since the building is currently closed.

Rochester Cultural Council Seeks Funding Proposals

The Mass Cultural Council has adjusted to the challenges brought on by the Covid pandemic and continues to support a variety of artistic, scientific and humanitarian projects that provide rich cultural activities for our communities. Many current grant recipients have had to alter their original proposals and use virtual format options, reorganize to comply with social distancing and postpone their events awaiting parameters from Governor Baker. In spite of the Covid restrictions and changes, we will still continue to provide funding in 2021 for organizations, schools or individuals who support cultural activities in the community. Please submit your application from **October 1** through **November 15**. Awards will be announced in January. For more information contact the RCC at RochesterCulturalCouncil@gmail.com or visit www.mass-culture.org. The RCC is currently looking for new committee members. If you are interested, contact us at the g-mail address above.

Stamp Collecting with the Mattapoissett Library

A patron recently generously donated their collection of stamps to the library. These stamps are perfect for new stamp collectors to try their hand at the hobby. Stamp collecting, or philately, is a wonderful opportunity to learn about people, places, and history and is a great affordable hobby for all ages. We will set up

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the new collector with a batch of stamps and information on philately. If you are interested, please contact Michelle Skaar by email, mskaar@sailsinc.org, or by calling the library.

Our Teen and Adult Summer programming, the MFPL Scavenger Hunt and Bingo, are still going on till **August 28**, so don't forget to join in the fun! Each task you complete will earn you a raffle ticket. Each raffle ticket will be put towards our awesome prizes which include gift certificates from local restaurants.

An important reminder, to participate you must contact Michelle Skaar, by email or by calling the library, notifying her of what you have done to earn raffle tickets; otherwise, you will not be eligible for the prizes.

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The Marion Board of Selectmen is seeking interested volunteers to serve on the Zoning Board of Appeals, a regulatory Board with the responsibility under Chapter 40A of the Massachusetts General Laws to act as the Town's Variance and Special Permit Granting Authority in matters concerning the application or interpretation of the Town's residential Zoning By-Laws. The Zoning Board of Appeals meets twice monthly.

The applications to serve is available at the Town House and on the Town of Marion website. Please submit a completed application to the Marion Board of Selectmen, Two Spring Street, Marion, MA 02738 by Wednesday, September 2, 2020.
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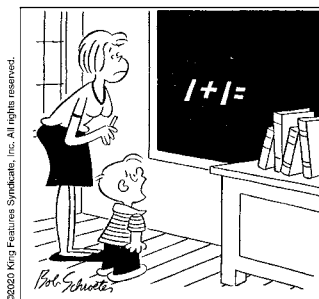
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Marion Democratic Town Committee

The newly formed Marion Democratic Town Committee consists of 30 members. Our Mission Statement is to support issues that create a just and sustainable society, as well as to elect Democratic candidates who will work toward these goals.

This year, 2020, is an important election year both locally and nationally. We have launched a new Facebook page named "Marion Democratic Town Committee" and we will be sharing interesting articles and posts relevant to our mission as well as this year's elections. Please "Like" it to stay up to date.

If you would like to join the committee, or just want to get involved, please feel free to contact Sharon Matzek at 508-748-6905 or sharonmatzek@yahoo.com and we'll respond as quickly as possible.

EEE High-Risk Level

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH) announced today that EEE virus has been detected in mosquitoes collected from Carver and Middleboro, Massachusetts. Since Rochester is a bordering town, Rochester has been changed to a High-Risk Level for EEE. High-risk level means that conditions in our area are likely to lead to an infection of a person with EEE.

EEE is a rare but serious illness spread by the bite of an infected mosquito. While EEE can infect people of all ages, people under 15 years of age or over 50 years of age are at greatest risk for serious illness.

By taking a few, common-sense precautions, people can help to protect themselves and their loved ones:

Avoid Mosquito Bites

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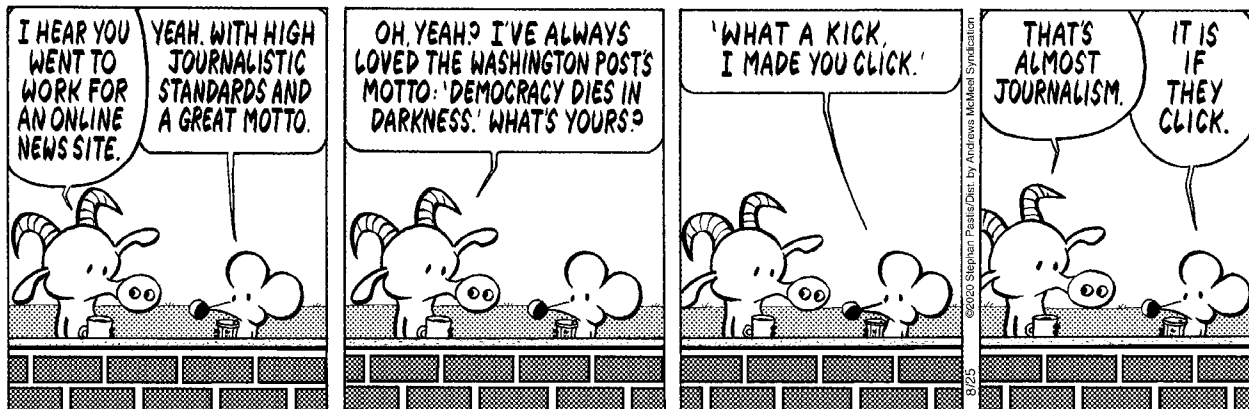
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by Stephan Pastis



or early morning. If you are outdoors at any time and notice mosquitoes around you, take steps to avoid being bitten by moving indoors, covering up and/or wearing repellent.

- **Clothing Can Help** reduce mosquito bites.

Although it may be difficult to do when it's hot, wearing long-sleeves, long pants, and socks when outdoors will help keep mosquitoes away from your skin.

- **Apply Insect Repellent** when you go outdoors.

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Bryce Fortin	August 27
Joan Holik	August 27
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Michael Bowman	August 27
Eric Tippins	August 28
Mike Janicki	August 28
Meghan Berg	August 29
Eileen Michaud	August 30
Lauren Fisher	August 30
Pam Calnen	August 30
Bob Belenger	August 31
Leslie Macina	August 31
Ben Studley	September 1
Diego Perry	September 1
Elizabeth H. Watkins	September 1
Haylie Margaret Senna	September 1
Mary Ellen Murphy	September 1
Brian Curry	September 2
Madelyn Collins	September 2
Paige Mello	September 2
William J. Watkins	September 2

If you would like The Wanderer to announce a birthday for yourself, a friend or family member, please submit your information online to us at www.wanderer.com. To submit information by regular mail, please send the person's name (month and day) along with your name and phone number so we can confirm the information to Birthdays, c/o The Wanderer, P.O. Box 102, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. You may submit birthday announcements anytime during the year and they will be published/posted during the appropriate week.



and wading pools, and change water in birdbaths frequently.

- Install or Repair Screens - Some mosquitoes like to come indoors. Keep them outside by having tightly-fitting screens on all of your windows and doors.

The Health Director for the Rochester Board of Health continues to work closely with the MDPH and Plymouth County Mosquito Control.

Information about EEE and reports of current and historical EEE virus activity in Massachusetts can be found on the MDPH website at www.mass.gov/dph/mosquito

The Marion Scholarship Committee

The Marion Scholarship Committee has two funds: The Scholarship Fund raises money for scholarships for graduating high school seniors; the Education Fund helps provide capital expenses for Sippican School. These are difficult times for students, many of whom question their ability to afford college. Administrators at Sippican School are struggling with unforeseen needs. The Scholarship Committee hopes Marion can help.

In the spring of 2019, the Committee had the difficult but happy task of reviewing applications submitted to the Scholarship Fund. After a great deal of discussion, one student was awarded the scholarship. At that time the Committee also was able to provide Sippican School a needed charging cart for Chromebooks, with funds coming from the Education Fund. Little did the Committee realize that the Covid-19 virus would stop their fundraising and their ability to award scholarships and school aid for almost a year.

The Committee is now able to meet again but, due to the need for social distancing, many means of fundraising are not possible. This makes our appeal to the public even more important. The Scholarship Fund and the Education Fund are both entirely made possible through the generosity of Marion citizens. Many people saw the small notice about these funds that was enclosed with the tax bill and responded with donations, and we thank you. We are hopeful that enough money can be raised this year to provide more than one scholarship to deserving high school seniors. In addition, Sippican School is in need of some equipment to better serve students who are learning remotely. The Education Fund will help provide some of this.

If you are able to make a donation of any size it will be greatly appreciated. Please send checks made out to Marion Scholarship Committee, care of Town of Marion 2 Spring Street, Marion, MA 02738. Please indicate whether your donation should go to the Scholarship Fund or the Education Fund. Thank you.

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The new hours of operation for the Mattapoisett Transfer Station located at the end of Tinkham Hill Road are now Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday from 8:00 am to 2:45 pm until further notice. Town Administrator Mike Lorenzo said the change was established to better service the community.

Calling All Rochester Residents

Whenever we at the Rochester Historical Society write an article, mount a display, or put a program we rely on the memoirs, diaries, letters, and books that were written in the past. Now that we have spent over four months with this pandemic, I wonder where the residents in 2070 or 2120 will get their information about living through the pandemic of 2020.

We would love to have as many people who can, to write something about how life has been over the last few months. It can be a paragraph or many pages. Maybe write about the biggest changes or fears and concerns or strategies for coping or maybe the worst and the best (if any) of living through this historic time. We're not looking for a journal (unless you want to send us one). You can email your writing to eshbach2@aol.com or mail it to: Rochester Historical Society, P.O. Box 322, Rochester, MA 02770



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SHERMAN'S LAGOON by J.P. Toomey



Teen and Adult Summer Programs at the Mattapoisett Library

It's summer and the weather is beautiful, so the Mattapoisett Free Public Library is challenging you to go outside and explore! We created a Scavenger Hunt to help you do just that. Create a team, do it with your family, or by yourself! Each task you complete will earn you a raffle ticket.

If you are more interested in something less social, we also created a Bingo Sheet. The Bingo Sheet functions the same way, each task you do earns you a raffle ticket. If you accomplish four tasks in a row, you will get an extra five raffle tickets, so it is very important for us to know what tasks you have done.

Each raffle ticket will be put towards our awesome prizes: Gift certificates to local restaurants. You can pick up the Scavenger Hunt List and/or the Bingo Sheet at the library at the side door entrance or on the library website, mattapoisettlibrary.org, and the deadline to submit tasks will be **August 28** at 5:00 pm. The winners will be announced on Saturday, **August 29**. Keep us updated by emailing Michelle Skaar at mskaar@sailsinc.org with your name, contact information, and what task you've completed. Proof is not required, but highly encouraged! Remember to stay safe and practice social distancing.

Please contact Michelle Skaar at mskaar@sailsinc.org or call the library for more information. All programs are free and open to the public.

New Bedford Symphony 2020-2021 Season

The New Bedford Symphony Orchestra and Music Director Yaniv Dinur are pleased to announce the concert programs for the 2020-2021 season. Subscription tickets for the season are now available, and subscribers will have purchase priority in the case of limited seating mandates. The intent is to present the season in full, but subscribers will have the option of a refund if the NBSO needs to make programming changes. In addition,

subscribers will have free access to live streams of the concerts providing access to listening and watching from the comfort of home.

NBSO 2020-2021 Season:

A Spooky Halloween Family Concert: Sunday, **November 1**, 2:30 pm

Stephen Hough Plays Rachmaninoff: Saturday, **November 21**, 7:30 pm

Holiday Pops Family Concert: Saturday, **December 12**, 3:30 pm and 7:00 pm

The Hollywood Trinity – Williams, Zimmer, Elfman: Saturday, **January 16**, 7:30 pm

Uma Noite Portuguesa: Saturday, **March 20**, 7:30 pm

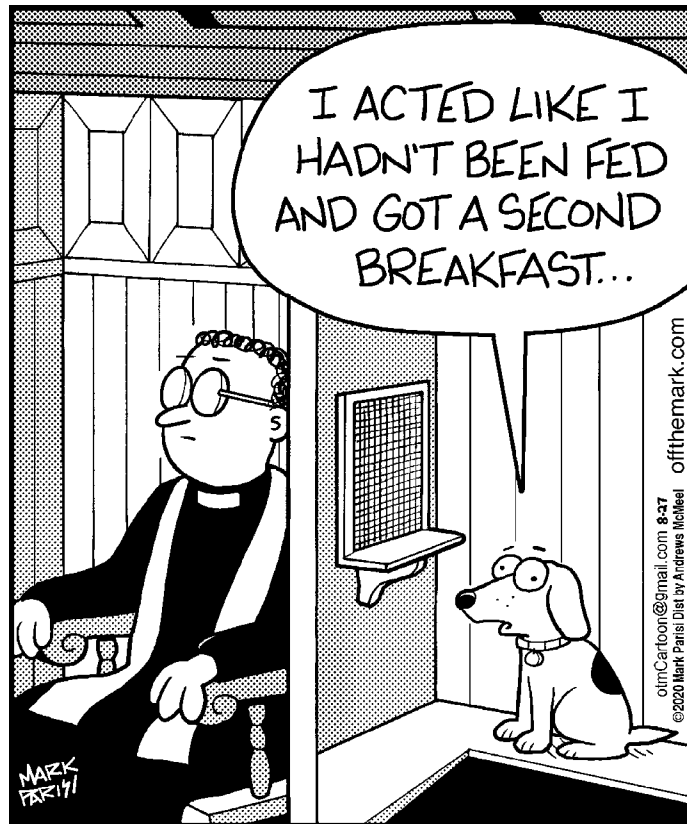
From the New World: Saturday, **April 24**, 7:30 pm and Sunday, **April 25**, 2:30 pm

Season Finale: Pinchas Zukerman & Amanda Forsyth: Saturday, **May 22**, 7:30 pm

All concerts will take place at the Zeiterion Performing Arts Center in downtown New Bedford. Classical performances include pre-concert talks by Music Director Yaniv Dinur at 6:30 pm in the theater.

Subscriptions and Symphony Club Memberships are now available. Subscribe to the full season (8 concerts) and receive a discount of 15 percent off ticket prices, while a discount of 10 percent is applied when you subscribe to your choice of three to seven concerts. You can subscribe online through the NBSO website (www.nbsymphony.org) or by calling the NBSO at 508-999-6276, ext 222. If you are a new subscriber, subscribe today to get the best possible seats. The NBSO also offers concert tickets through its Symphony Club. Memberships are \$60 and include a voucher for two tickets worth \$90 and 10 percent off any additional ticket purchases plus invitations to concert receptions with complimentary beer, wine, and desserts. Memberships last for one year from date of purchase and can be purchased by calling the NBSO at 508-999-6276 ext 222 or online (nbsymphony.org/ticket-info/). Individual concert tickets go on sale in August.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS					July 29 - August 4, 2020
Buyer(s)	Seller(s)	Address	City	Date	Price
Thirteen Atlantis Dr LLC	Town of Marion	13 Atlantis Dr	Marion	08/05/2020	613,000.00
Popson, Michael A Popson, Christine F	Nancy C Kimon IT Smith, June A TR Brattstrom, Sandra K TR	102 Angelica Ave	Mattapoisett	08/07/2020	590,000.00
Barry, Matthew Shoemaker, Michaela	Mcmills, Sean A Arruda, Elisabeth M	30 Cranberry Way	Marion	08/07/2020	425,000.00
Alexander, Randolph Joaquin, Jacqueline	Forter, Deborah T Hansbury, Benjamin P	7 Wolf Island Rd	Mattapoisett	08/07/2020	878,275.00
Devlin, Gerald Devlin, Elizabeth	JLK GP	2 Jenney Ln	Marion	08/11/2020	627,500.00
Mcdonnell, John J Mcdonnell, Michelle	Connet Woods LLC	13 Martin Cir	Rochester	08/11/2020	594,232.00



Local Tides

Day	Date	High		Low	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	August 27	3:29	4:08	9:14	11:25
Friday	August 28	4:35	5:15	10:39	
Saturday	August 29	5:41	6:16	12:17	12:01
Sunday	August 30	6:38	7:08	12:59	12:26
Monday	August 31	7:27	7:53	1:33	1:06
Tuesday	September 1	8:12	8:34	2:00	1:45
Wednesday	September 2	8:53	9:13	2:25	2:26
Thursday	September 3	9:32	9:50	2:54	3:07
Friday	September 4	10:10	10:27	3:26	3:47
Saturday	September 5	10:46	11:03	3:58	4:26
Sunday	September 6	11:22	11:41	4:31	5:04
Monday	September 7		12:00	5:05	5:44
Tuesday	September 8	12:22	12:39	5:41	6:28
Wednesday	September 9	1:07	1:23	6:23	7:26
Thursday	September 10	1:55	2:11	7:14	8:51
Friday	September 11	2:47	3:06	8:18	10:18
Saturday	September 12	3:45	4:09	9:29	11:13
Sunday	September 13	4:49	5:16	10:37	11:57
Phases of the Moon		Full Moon Last Quarter New Moon First Quarter		September 2nd September 10th September 17th September 24th	



I Found the Aardvark!

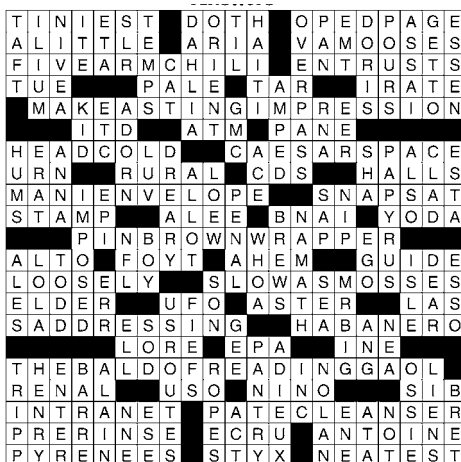
Each week, hidden somewhere in the pages of *The Wanderer* is a tiny drawing of an aardvark. The little guy you are looking for looks exactly like the one pictured above (but don't put down this page as your answer, there's another one hidden somewhere in this issue).

Once you find the aardvark you can submit your answer online and if you are right you will get Aardvark Points! You can then use these points to get cool Aardvark Prizes!

To enter visit: www.wanderer.com and Click on *I Found the Aardvark*
In the August 20, 2020 edition the Aardvark was on page 51!

PUZZLE ANSWERS

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solution

1. Relief
2. Dental;
3. Stately;
4. Refrain

Today's Word
EINSTEIN

Sudoku Answer

3	2	1	6	9	5	7	8	4
6	8	5	2	7	4	1	3	9
7	4	9	1	3	8	6	5	2
8	5	3	9	2	1	4	7	6
9	1	4	5	6	7	8	2	3
2	6	7	8	4	3	9	1	5
4	9	8	3	1	2	5	6	7
1	7	2	4	5	6	3	9	8
5	3	6	7	8	9	2	4	1

by Mark Parisi
off the mark





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